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Mr Barack Obama

Boosted US influence on Kenya and used historic visit as a "homecoming"



Mr Uhuru Kenyatta

Visit was a vote of confidence after weak ties with the West since 2013



Mr Raila Odinga

Hoped US would help Cord to pile pressure on Jubilee but was rebuffed



Mr William Ruto

After speculation he would be isolated over ICC cases, he met US president

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■ Launch of regional leadership centre

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■ Additional security assistance and equipment

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Sh7.2 billion

General Electric to deliver 20 passenger locomotives to Kenya Railways

Sh900 billion

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Sh2 billion

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Gor eyes trophy after 30-year wait

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Polio vaccination begins despite opposition



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Nearly six million children in 32 counties will receive anti-polio doses despite the Catholic Church asking parents not

to permit it over claims that it was not safe.

The counties were selected after a study in January this year showed they were most at risk of polio and those that have mobile population.

The study showed that nearly 66 per cent of the population and par-

ticularly children were most at risk of the viral infection. The campaign will run from August 1 to 5 and then from August 29 to September 2.

The Ministry of Health yesterday started giving the doses in Gilgil town, Nakuru County. And perhaps

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BRIEFING | Opposition chief says there was no way US President would have lauded government had he stayed longer

Raila: Jubilee must have misled Obama

Cord leader, however, says the country stands to reap big from the visit

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American President Barack Obama may not have received a proper briefing on the state of corruption in Kenya ahead of his trip, opposition chief Raila Odinga has said.

In an interview with the *Sunday Nation*, Mr Odinga said the visiting US president would not have lauded the Jubilee administration's efforts had he stayed longer to hear of the loss of billions of shillings in government reported by Auditor-General Edward Ouko.

"I fault him (Mr Obama) on that. There is a stark contrast of the picture that came out and the reality," Mr Odinga said.

Global business

The Cord leader, however, said the country stood to reap big from the visit which saw global business magnates converge in Nairobi, some scouting for innovative entrepreneurs they can support.

"His visit has given Kenya positive publicity on the global stage. Our hope is that this will help revive our shattered tourism industry and give the youth and women more economic opportunities," he said.

He also wished the visit

came earlier in Mr Obama's presidency to oversee the implementation of the promises he gave Kenyans.

"One would have liked it (the trip) done earlier because that way, the country would have benefited more. He would have had four years to follow-up on what he committed to do," he said.

In a joint media address at a State House on July 25, Mr Obama commended Mr Kenyatta for his bold step that included suspending members of his Cabinet. He urged him to take the war to senior officials.

Five Cabinet Secretaries Charity Ngilu (Lands), Davies Chirchir (Energy), Kazungu Kambi (Labour), Felix Koskei (Agriculture) and Michael Kamau (Transport) are suspended after facing allegations of corruption.

The former Prime Minister, who spoke at his Karen home, faulted President Kenyatta and the Jubilee administration for using the visit to make up for its "legitimacy deficit".

"To them, the US was a waning power when they took over power and this informed their East-leaning foreign policy until President Obama decided to come. The irrational

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Cord leader Raila Odinga during the interview at his Karen home in Nairobi yesterday.

behaviour you are seeing now is a clear testament of a regime that was drowning, even willing to clutch at a straw.”

Mr Odinga also downplayed celebrations in Jubilee circles touched off by Mr Obama's remarks that a certain opposition leader had, in a private session on Sunday, asked him to help press the government on a number of issues.

He said much as the sentiments were made in jest, Jubilee was unfairly milking it yet President Obama did not mean to castigate the opposition. Jubilee supporters are treating the remark as an American stamp of approval for the government.

The general feeling within the opposition is that Presi-

dent Obama chose to be a bit generous with the Jubilee administration in a number of aspects like its anti-corruption push as well as what has been christened “tongue-lashing the opposition” within Jubilee quarters.

Auditor's report

Mr Odinga accuses President Kenyatta of employing a half-hearted approach in the war on graft citing Dr Ouko's reports that indicate the government could not account for about Sh67 billion spent in the last fiscal year.

He also pointed to allegations that millions of shillings could have been lost at the National Youth Service under Devolution and National Plan-

ning Cabinet Secretary Anne Waiguru's watch as some of the cases that dent Mr Kenyatta's scorecard on corruption.

Overall, Mr Odinga said the US leader was on the mark in all his speeches, helping reinforce what they have been saying for the last two years.

“President Obama echoed the same gospel, that of the need to stop politics of ethnicity we have been preaching all along. From the need to strengthen devolution, promote transparency in government to paying more attention to marginalised groups and with a better platform than ours, we articulated them so well,” he said.

Their only hope, he said, was that Jubilee would take him seriously. The opposition chief said Mr Obama needed no lecture on what ails the country.

The fact that he met the opposition after having bilateral talks with Mr Kenyatta was also god-send, he said, arguing that the striking similarities between the memorandum they presented to Mr Obama and the focus of most of his speeches would have drawn protests from the government that they remotely influenced the terms of engagement.

“In any case, that (first meeting with the opposition) never happens anywhere in the world. The practice is to have the visiting head of state meet his host before he can host any other parties,” he added.

Also, he explained that the reduction in the time they met Mr Obama had been informed by the same fact.

“We were supposed to meet him for 45 minutes but because we had prepared a memorandum on issues we wanted to discuss, it turned out that he had tackled most of them so I just took him through a summary of the document thereby saving on time.”

The fact that Mr Obama met Mr Odinga, his co-principals Kalonzo Musyoka and Moses Wetang'ula together with Nar-

POLITICS

Other issues leader raised

Cord leadership had given Okoa Kenya team led by lawyer Paul Mwangi up to September 15 to avail signatures to the IEBC to commence the process of changing laws to send more money to counties.

Mr Odinga also sought to reassure ODM supporters that the postponement of the grassroots polls was meant to accommodate all party members.

45 min

The time Cord leaders were supposed to spend with US President Obama

slightly less than 30 minutes had raised eyebrows with some asking if he was doing so just as a formality.

Mr Obama signed a number of agreements with Government of Kenya “to sustain its commitment to conduct thorough investigations into corruption cases and, where investigations adduce sufficient evidence, to professionally prosecute such corruption cases, including cases recommended by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission” during the historic three-day trip.

Government's image

Prior to his coming, Jubilee politicians had accused the opposition of seeking to tarnish the government's image in the hope that it would get a dressing down from Mr Obama.

On the push by the opposition to have the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) reformed before the next General Election, Mr Odinga expressed hope that the US government would help set up a new electoral infrastructure as well as train the staff on how to use it.

Mr Odinga, who is also the ODM leader, revealed that the Cord leadership had given the committee driving Okoa Kenya referendum campaign up to September 15 to forward signatures to the IEBC to start the process.

“We are in the final stages. Clerks are keying in the data before it is presented to the IEBC. They are working in two shifts of 40 each, day and night to meet the deadline,” he stated. His update on the referendum helps calm anxiety among Cord supporters.

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BEACH HOLIDAYS | Good news for hotels as firms prepare to start making bookings next month

Win for tourism as big UK tour firms plan Kenya return

Three operators made the decision after Britain lifted travel advisory

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Three major British tour operators are due to re-start bookings to Kenyan beach resorts beginning September, bringing welcome relief to a beleaguered sector which has seen a sharp drop in tourist numbers over the last two years.

The tour operators – Kuoni, Somak and First Choice – took the decision to resume holidays to the Kenyan coast following a change of advice from the UK Government’s Foreign Office which indicated that it was no longer dangerous to visit hotels north and south of Mombasa.

Some travel operators will still not be travelling to Malindi while Lamu remains a no-go area for travel operators.

Great news

A spokeswoman for Kuoni told the *Sunday Nation* that it was “great news” that the company would now be able to offer both safari and beach holidays from October.

Somak also confirmed to the *Sunday Nation* that it was restarting its beach holiday bookings but First Choice had not replied to inquiries at the time of going to press.

Another tour operator, Hayes and Jarvis, has continued to offer some beach and safari bookings and is continuing to do so on its website.

Most tour operators stopped running holidays to most of Kenya’s coast when the Foreign Office in London cautioned against it.

Kenya’s High Commissioner to the UK, Mr Lazarus Amayo, welcomed the news at the Kenya Society’s annual get together at the High Commissioner’s residence in London last week. He noted that in spite of the advisory, UK tourists still made up the largest body of visitors to Kenya.

The news will not only be welcome to Kenyan hoteliers and locals dependent on tourist beach trade but also to other travellers who will no longer be stuck with the only option of flying from London to Nairobi on expensive British or Kenya Airways flights.

Tour operators have also welcomed the steps the Kenyan Government has taken to make the coast safer for tourists. These include a more visible security presence and measures taken to involve local curio sellers and other small business operators in protecting the tourist trade.

In his role as chairman of the Kenya Coast Tourism Association (KCTA), Mohammed Hersi, has set up customer service and security training courses for beach traders.

“There’s no more ‘them’ and ‘us’,” he told the *Telegraph* newspaper in the UK. “The curio sellers, masseurs and safari sellers are valuable extra eyes and ears on the beach and in the local community.” The KCTA has

3 Number of major British tour operators who will start booking to Kenyan beach resorts beginning September.



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Tourists at the Serena Beach Hotel in Mombasa. In June, German airline Condor announced that it would resume direct weekly flights from Munich to Mombasa, just three weeks after Lufthansa announced a resumption of flights to Nairobi.

so far trained more than 500 of these beach operators (the term “beach boy” is no longer used) and it seems to be paying off in many ways. *The Telegraph* report praised the changes that had taken place on the coast both in terms of security and hassling of tourists on the beach.

“There was a level of politeness on the beach that wasn’t there before,” the report said. “The beach itself was a lot cleaner: the flotsam and jetsam dumped on Kenya’s beaches in summer by the Indian Ocean monsoon had been cleared up, even on stretches where there are no hotels.”

Among the hotels which will benefit from the new Kuoni bookings are the Voyager Beach Resort, the Serena Beach Resort & Spa, the Baobab Beach Resort

& Spa and Kole Kole, the Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort & Spa, the Diani Reef Beach Resort & Spa, the Leopard Beach Resort & Spa and Pinewood Beach Resort & Spa.

Travel warnings

The UK and the US issued travel warnings to their citizens following a number of terror attacks in Kenya, creating a negative effect on Kenya’s tourism sector.

Tourist arrivals declined sharply after the 2013 Westgate Mall terror attack.

The Kenyan military has been on an offensive against the Shabaab in recent months and has reported progress in destroying a number of their terror cells.

The Kenyan Interior Ministry recently lifted a curfew it had pre-

CHRONOLOGY

Why the investors made the decision

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- The UK and the US had issued travel warnings to their citizens following a number of terror attacks in Kenya creating a negative effect on Kenya’s tourism sector.
- Tour operators have welcomed the steps the Kenyan government has made to make the coast safer for tourists.

viously imposed on Garissa, Wajir, Mandera and Tana River counties following terror attacks.

The curfews were lifted following a directive from President Uhuru Kenyatta at the beginning of the Islamic Holy Month of Ramadan.

President Kenyatta also directed the Central Bank of Kenya to immediately issue comprehensive regulations that guide the operation of Money Remittance Providers saying that the suspension of licences for 13 registered providers would be lifted thereafter.

The directives served as a positive sign that the security situation had already improved even as US President Barack Obama prepared to visit.

His visit boosted Kenya’s image and he also referred to the possibility of reviewing the advice issued to tourists to indicate some areas like game parks may be safe to visit.

Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero recently led a number of businessmen in reopening the Westgate Mall, which had been closed for two years since the attack that left more than 60 people dead.

WINNERS AND LOSERS | The economy stands as the biggest winner with opposition and national civil society as the losers

Sh1.2 trillion deal struck but not all

From the Lapsset project to passenger trains the deals will have a lasting impact on the economy but analysts fault how Opposition and civil society were handled during visit

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Fresh details of agreements worth up to Sh1.2 trillion struck between the American government and Kenya during President Barack Obama's historic visit can now be revealed.

This comes as various groups, institutions and individuals take stock of the visit one week later.

Documents show that National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich and US Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker signed a memorandum on a series of mega deals that have created a new economic development partnership that will see investments in the Lamu port, an oil pipeline, power plants, urban commuter rail and highways, and various projects in the health and tourism sectors.

The massive agreements are expected to deepen the Kenyan-American ties at a time when the Chinese are flexing their financial and diplomatic muscle.

The commercial arrangements signed between the US and Kenya governments include an investment of \$9.5 billion (Sh900 billion) in the Lamu Port South Sudan and Ethiopia Transport Corridor (Lapsset) and an additional \$7.55 billion (Sh755 billion) in the projected value of exports to flow through the same corridor.

Passenger trains

The MoU will also see American company General Electric (GE) deliver 20 passenger trains to Kenya Railways (KR) to the tune of US\$72 million (Sh7.2 billion). The passenger trains are expected to ease traffic congestion in Nairobi.

Wildlife conservation in northern Kenya also got a boost through provision of financing valued at \$20 million (Sh2 billion).

Yesterday, Cabinet Secretary for Commerce and Tourism Phyllis Kandie said that the impact of President Obama's visit will be felt in Kenya for many years to come. Ms Kandie said that the trip and the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) boosted Kenya's credentials as a regional leader and investment destination.

"The overall impact of GES and President Obama's visit is huge for Kenya on three levels. Kenya enjoyed a positive spotlight globally. It was a major boost for the tourism sector — and not just because of the fact that hotels in Nairobi and its environs were full in a short time but the long-term effect is that more visitors will now have the confidence to come here," said the Cabinet Secretary.

According to the documents seen by the *Sunday Nation*, the American government also undertook to increase funding for the Determined Resilient Empowered Aids Free Mentorship Programme (DREAMS/ACT) to the tune of \$519 million (Sh51.9 billion).

"DREAMS is a two-year \$30 million initiative to reduce new infections in adolescent girls and young women in Kenya. Work-



PHOTO | AFP

Kenya and US governments led by President Uhuru Kenyatta and President Barack Obama hold bilateral talks at State House

ing closely in partnership with the Government of Kenya and other key stakeholders, a country determined core package of evidence-based interventions that have successfully addressed HIV risk behaviours, HIV transmission and gender-based violence, will be implemented," read the documents.

The documents also brought out the fact that Kenya has the largest level of funding globally for the US-led President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (Pepfar). The programme aims to "accelerate Children's HIV/Aids Treatment (ACT) in a two year, \$28,169,122 initiative to reduce HIV morbidity and mortality of infants, children and adolescents (0-14 years) living with HIV in Kenya".

According to the MoU, the Americans further undertook to have the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) invest in infrastructure development.

The United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) will also put in funds although Kenya in turn offered the agency and OPIC tax concessions.

"The United States Government confirms its interest in supporting the development of strategic infrastructure priority projects in Kenya and promoting US private sector participation in such projects, and confirms its intent to engage, as appropriate and consistent with its authority, its constituent agencies and programmes including but not limited to those identified herein," says the MoU signed by the two governments.

According to Kandie, Kenya now has the challenge of seizing the opportunity and building on it.

"We cannot afford to sit back and congratulate ourselves on a job well done. The world, and especially Africa, is full of countries that are eager to achieve

MIXED BAG

Others who failed to gain from visit

University of Nairobi which has in past hosted US leaders lost out to Kenyatta University.

And while high end hotels made booming business, matatus, and jua kali business lost out as the city was deserted.

American-based CNN is said to be among the losers having run a terror story Kenyans viewed negative Kenyans on Twitter took on the network under hashtag #SomeOneTellCNN which trended worldwide.

Sh900bn

The amount the US government has committed to the construction of the Lamu Port South Sudan and Ethiopia Transport Corridor

the same rewards as Kenya. We must take the opportunities that have been presented to us to ensure that we continue to build a strong and resilient economy that builds prosperity now but also safeguards the country's long-term economic future," she said.

The Lapsset Corridor Development Authority CEO Sylvester Kasuku called on private sector players to position themselves to benefit.

"We urge Kenya's private sector to take advantage of the new economic partnership created by the MoU and seek partnerships with American investors to tap US investment capital and invest in Lapsset Corridor Projects," he said. The MoU also tied Kenya

to promote collaboration between Kenyans and the American public and private sector institutions with an aim to promote capacity building in East Africa's biggest economy. The government committed to allow private companies implementing infrastructure projects to be responsible for securing financing for such projects. The Kenya government agreed that one of the potential financing sources may include OPIC, other US government agencies, multilateral organisations, private sector capital or other financing sources.

US resources

"The Government of Kenya expresses its support for the US governmental resources that the United States government intends to make available, consistent with US laws and regulations, to facilitate potential US private sector participation in strategic infrastructure priority projects in Kenya and is committed to ensuring that such resources will be free from taxation within Kenya," say the documents.

The two governments will meet once a year to review progress within the framework of the MoU.

Last weekend, President Obama announced publicly that the US will increase funding for Kenya's war against terrorism.

"We stand united in the fight against terrorism and we will be channelling more money towards this," he said.

Mr Obama said the ongoing campaign against Al-Shabaab terrorists had significantly managed to push the insurgents out of swathes of territory in Somalia.

"Al-Shabaab prefer soft targets because of this," he said.

Standing at State House in the land of his father, President Obama said his government would support reforms in key institutions of government.

"We are working with the Kenyan government to strengthen the Judiciary as well as reforms in the police," he said.

The Obama visit has stirred debate on the potential winners from the historic trip. Opposition leaders and sections of the civil society were unhappy with the visit because they were not accorded as much time, space and recognition compared to when US Secretary of State John Kerry came calling in May.

Some of the big winners were President Kenyatta, youth, women, high-end hotels and meeting venues and young entrepreneurs. The Obama family in Kenya, Cabinet Secretaries Amina Mohammed (Foreign Affairs), Phyllis Kandie, Adan Mohamed (Industrialisation) and Joseph Nkaissery (Interior) who played a key role were also seen as winners.

According to analysts, having started his presidency in 2013 with the International Criminal Court case hanging over his head, the Obama visit was the pinnacle of President Kenyatta's time in office so far.

But Cord co-principals Raila Odinga, Kalonzo Musyoka, Moses Wetang'ula, and Narc-Kenya leader Martha Karua, who briefly met President Obama last Sunday, after his address at the Kasarani Stadium, appeared to have had their calls for US pressure on the Jubilee government rejected.

Also deemed to have lost out was the mainstream civil society, who hoped to have a closed-door meeting with the President only for the meeting to be aired live on national television stations.

Opinion is, however, divided as to whether Deputy President William Ruto won or lost despite having met President Obama after previous speculation that he would be isolated.

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are winners after Obama's visit

Highs and lows of US leader's historic visit

PRESIDENT UHURU KENYATTA

Uhuru Kenyatta was the biggest winner. He was seen as a pariah head of state when he came to office due to ICC charges. Hosting the most powerful man in the world was

seen as a mark of newly warm ties with the West and the relatively smooth visit was viewed as a boon for Kenya. International relations expert David Kikaya said that the visit has boosted Mr Kenyatta's standing.

YOUTH AND WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

The global entrepreneurship summit featured innovative ideas by youth and women who met potential investors. Mr Obama said about Sh100bn worth of investment would be channelled to various projects managed by these groups in Africa.

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

Mr Obama sidestepped the older University of Nairobi to address delegates at Kenyatta University where he opened the Young African Leaders Initiative Centre, as part of a mentorship programme supported by the US.

CABINET SECRETARIES AMINA MOHAMED AND JOSEPH NKAISSERY

The successful visit was a proud moment for Ms Mohammed (Foreign), Mr Nkaissery (Interior) and Mr Aden Mohammed (Industrialisation)

BIG HOTELS

While small businesses were counting losses, it was brisk business for the big hotels who were hosting the US presidential entourage and delegates to the GES.

CNN

The American-based global broadcaster was pummeled by #KOT (Kenya on Twitter) after running a story questioning the wisdom of Mr Obama's visit to a country that the broadcaster labelled "a hotbed of terror".

THE CIVIL SOCIETY

There are claims that some key civil society groups boycotted the Obama event, having sensed they would not get "a favourable audience" with Mr Obama. Gladwell Otieno and Maina Kiai were among those who were conspicuously missing.

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

Having hosted Obama in 2004 when he addressed students at Taifa Hall, then as Illinois Senator, it would have looked obvious that he would have preferred UoN to meet various delegates but those controlling Mr Obama's itinerary chose Kenyatta University.

SMALL BUSINESSES AND MATATUS

Closure of key roads meant that the public service vehicles plying those routes did not operate. It was the same case for businesses operating in the town centre as many of their clients avoided town. Some pundits estimate that combined, they could have lost close to Sh300 million for the three days.

OBAMA FAMILY

Most poignant during the visit are the photos of Mr Obama embracing his sister Auma. His family in Kenya occupied a special place in the trip. There are claims the summit was a perfect excuse for him to see his family before leaving office in 2017.

By choosing to meet a delegation from K'ogelo, the birthplace of his father Barack Obama Sr, the visiting president proved he valued them. When at the Kasarani Gymnasium, he was welcomed to the podium by his sister. The visit brings more recognition for them and perhaps more opportunities in the future.

OPPOSITION

The Opposition feels betrayed by Mr Obama. In fact since he left, debate has raged in the social media with government leaning bloggers and commentators saying Mr Obama "fixed" the Opposition. The US leader said one of the opposition figures never tolerated criticism when they were in government but now want his intervention to help put the government of Mr Kenyatta in check. He made the remarks when he met Cord leaders Raila Odinga, Kalonzo Musyoka, Moses Wetang'ula and Narco Kenya party leader Martha Karua.

The fact that Mr Obama met them after meeting Mr Kenyatta could also likely mean that he did not pass their message to the government as

If Kenya is not rising, you're looking in wrong direction

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Obama came to Kenya. A couple of days later, he left. Those imperfect sentences are the brackets which enclose one of the more momentous chapters of this country's great adventure. In every aftermath, analysts employ various approaches to understand exactly what happened. Many will have categorical findings for or against their favourite subjects of discourse. Others will be more equivocal. But it is important to realise that President Barack Obama's visit served to underscore some things that we tend to ignore or forget.

First of all, we beat ourselves too hard. We defile our own image with a horrifyingly gratuitous zeal. We perforate the glass so we can say it's half full, and lament all the more when it empties altogether. We call each other inappropriate names. While at it, we overshadow our very own genuine promise, and dim our undeniable light.

Whilst visitors rush to Kenya to behold beauty, grasp opportunity and interact with a magnificent, forward-looking and inspired people, we blast our way out with messages of repression, plunder, carnage, desolation and apathy. This is a narrative to which several key players are conditioned, because it opened the doors of opportunity three decades ago. The world has changed. Kenya the chrysalis has broken out of the constraining cocoon and grown splendid wings.

Had Obama come here in the 1990s or early this century, the agenda would have included torture and human rights and release of political prisoners

But last week we spoke about shared values, entrepreneurship, the rise of a new Africa, a wide spectrum of partnership opportunities and investments. In other words, the USA was not "talking baby" to a petulant infant; it was having a rational conversation with a mature and responsible grown up. This is how far we have come, and we must appreciate it even as we still have quite some going ahead of us.

Secondly, we must look at the tea leaves; the little, taken-

for-granted facts that tell huge tales. The US president had a choice of 3 five-star addresses to put up in. The billionaires who came with him also found comfortable accommodation according to their preferences. So did all the delegates of the GES. By all accounts, the GES was a memorable success.

Whether we recognise it or not, US presidents are a choosy lot. To be so spoiled for choice - I am sure a dozen other hotels in our capital made the cut - this speaks to the robustness and confidence of our private sector. Now the private sector cannot grow so rapidly in an improvident environment. When President Kenyatta breaks into his fluent language of capital, progress, innovation and opportunity, he is borne out by actual developments "on the ground".

It was not always this way. And it is getting better every day. I am speaking about Kenya's capacity to testify to entrepreneurship, innovation, investment and growth on a transformative scale. It's there for all to see. We may have indulged in a bit of last-minute window-dressing owing to understandable jitters related to the scale of the event, but the fundamentals are real and sustainable. Our infrastructure, urbanisation, economic diversity and sophistication, technological effervescence as well as Kenya's collective ambition and drive are not faked. We are a middle-income country now. We are officially in the Big League. We can host the WTO, TICAD and other big-time global gigs quite comfortably. We have the hotels alright. More importantly, we have "hotbed space" for every innovator and entrepreneur to realise their dream.

Those two reasons explain why Kenya did not use the entire visit to brag about itself. After all, a tiger does not proclaim his tigritude. Instead, Kenya stepped back and channelled a bigger, transcendental New African message. We embraced Africa, and let the voice of millions of Africans be heard throughout the world. This was needful, and the moment was right. Kenya cannot win if Africa is losing. Kenya is rising in a rising Africa. Kenya's story has always been woven tightly into the Pan-African tapestry. Mr Obama agreed the African Dream is flourishing on an unprecedented scale.

“

Had Obama come here in the 1990s or early this century, the agenda would have included torture and human rights and release of political prisoners”

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CONTROVERSY | Catholic church says drug to be used is contaminated but government insists the drugs are safe

Polio vaccination starts despite Catholic protest

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to address concerns raised by the Catholic Church about the safety of the vaccine, the government put up two adverts in yesterday's dailies to educate the public on the quality and importance of the vaccine.

Health Principal Secretary Khadijah Kassachoon accused the Catholic Church of spreading falsehoods.

Speaking in Gilgil yesterday, the PS said the drugs are safe and requested the church to support the state in ensuring the campaign was a success.

"The Ministry of Health wishes to assure all Kenyans that the vaccine being used is safe and effective," said Ms Kassachoon.

She said the vaccine were prequalified by the World Health Organisation and sourced by the United Nations Children's Fund.

In one of the adverts yesterday, the Pharmacy and Poisons Board detailed the process the government undertakes to procure the drugs, assuring the public that the polio vaccine is safe and of good quality. But despite the numerous assurances, the Catholic Church maintains that the vaccines are not safe.

"It's unfortunate that they can pay for adverts yet the vaccines are contaminated, we conducted tests in April this year and I saw it with my own eyes," said the chairman of the Catholic Church Health Commission Dr Stephen Karanja.

Speaking to the *Sunday Nation* on phone

yesterday, Dr Karanja could however not state which labs conducted the tests, or the samples used.

"The ministry should present to the public their research and when they do, we will present ours to counter their findings."

The controversy is similar the one that happened late last year when the Catholic Church raised a storm over the tetanus vaccination which they claimed can cause sterility in women.

Similarly, Dr Karanja says the polio vaccine which "is not like the ones used for the routine vaccination exercise and available in any hospital" is "laced with an active ingredient, a hormone that if injected to children-male or female-it will affect their growth and reproduction abilities."

On Friday, a polio campaign ambassador Clinton Werema filed a case through his lawyer Fred Athuok at the High Court to bar the Catholic Church from issuing statements against the campaign pending hearing and determination of the case.

At the same time, Manyatta MP John Muchiri who is also a member of the National Assembly Health Committee has urged the Health ministry to postpone the polio vaccination drive, until concerns raised by the Catholic Church are addressed.

He spoke in Embu, stating: "If the church has issues with the vaccines, it is good to listen. When the church speaks, it speaks on behalf of many people; it is good to give



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Deputy President William Ruto gives seven-month-old Shantel Chepkorir the polio vaccine as her mother Monica Kemboi looks on in Uasin Gishu County yesterday.

them room to see if the vaccine is good."

Polio is an infectious disease caused by a virus that lives in the throat and intestinal tract. It is often spread through contact with the stool of an infected person. It can also be spread through oral or nasal secretions. The disease mainly affects children under the age of five.

In its most dangerous form, the polio virus attacks the brain and the respiratory system, creating complications that

sometimes result in death.

The viral disease has been reported in the African continent, Yemen, and the Horn of Africa in the past decade resulting in over 700 cases, with subsequent outbreaks in the region latest being in Somalia as per World Health Organisation reports.

Additional reporting by Charles Wanyoro and James Kariuki

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LAND DISPUTES | Last week two more directors of troubled Kihiu Mwiri land firm were killed

Issue deeds to avert conflicts, Ruto advises

DP asks directors of land buying companies to issue the document to forestall ugly incidents

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Deputy President William Ruto yesterday called on directors of land buying companies to give members their title deeds in order to end conflicts. This comes following the killing of two directors of the troubled Kihiu Mwiri, a land-buying company in Murang'a South. The killings brought the number of murdered Kihiu Mwiri officials to eight in less than two years. Four other officials are missing. "All land buying companies should give their members title

deeds to avert further ugly incidents such as those witnessed in Murang'a recently where two directors were murdered in cold blood," said Mr Ruto. The Deputy President, who was speaking at Ngeria Girls' High School in Kapseret constituency, Uasin Gishu County, during a fundraiser, called on Kenyans to settle land disputes out of court. Mr Ruto indicated that the government had sent land surveyors to Uasin Gishu and Nandi so that land owners can be issued with title deeds. "We are committed to ensuring that each and every Kenyan has a title deed so that we can develop this country," Mr Ruto said. The Deputy President was accompanied by Uasin Gishu County Governor Jackson Mandago, Oscar Sudi (Kapseret), James Bett (Kesses), Samwel Chepkonga (Ainabkoi), Ferdinand Waititu (Kabete), Peter Safari Shehe (Ganze), Alfred Keter (Nandi Hills), Jones Mlolwa (Voi), John Waluke



SERIES OF MURDERS

July 1: Mr Paul Kariuki, the chairman of Kihiu Mwiri land company, was abducted by unknown people in Thika. Police officers on patrol in Limuru found his car a day later near St. Paul's University. It was burnt beyond recognition. **July 29:** Two directors of the company were killed. This brought the number of murdered officials in less than two years to eight. Four other officials are missing.

(Sirisia), Beatrice Elachi (Nominated Senator), Siaya County Woman Representative Dr Christine Ombaka and her Nairobi County counterpart Rachel Shebesh. Mr Ruto also launched polio vaccination in Uasin Gishu County targetting children below five years. It will be carried out countrywide. Ainabkoi MP Samwel Chepkonga, who is also the Parliamentary Justice and Legal Affairs Committee chair, said: "We want more women in our parliament" in reference to the one third rule. Ms Shebesh said that the Jubilee Government was committed to ensuring that the welfare of women was looked

JARED NYATAYA | NATION
From left: Senate Chief Whip Beatrice Elachi, Nairobi County Women Rep Rachel Shebesh and Aldai MP Cornelly Serem at a fundraiser in aid of Ngeria Girls Secondary School in Kapsaret Constituency yesterday. Deputy President William Ruto was the chief guest.

into. Mr Ruto also urged Trans Nzoia people to shift their political allegiance to the Jubilee coalition ahead of the 2017 General Elections. The DP crisscrossed Entebbes, Kiminini and Sabot and received backing from western region leaders who advised locals to get out of the Cord coalition. Area Women MP Janet Nangabo, her Bungoma counterpart Reginalda Wanyonyi MP David Wafula, Robert Pokose, Dan Wanyama among other leaders all backed the DP saying that Jubilee will emerge victory in the next polls. The DP told locals that they stand more chances of benefiting economically and socially by joining the Jubilee coalition.

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CONFLICT | Tenders were awarded when the energy firm was being investigated by the National Assembly

Duale's Sh400m contracts raise queries

GDC managing director Simiyu, who was later suspended, was being investigated over alleged inflated transport costs

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Two companies associated with the Majority Leader in the National Assembly Aden Bare Duale were awarded two contracts worth Sh400 million by the Geothermal Development Company (GDC) whose top managers are being investigated by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), the *Sunday Nation* can reveal.

Concordia Building and Civil Engineering Limited and Nomad Palace Hotel Limited were awarded the tenders at a time when the Parliamentary Committee on Legal Affairs chaired by Ainabkoi MP Samuel Chepkonga had put pressure on EACC to investigate GDC and its Managing Director Silas Simiyu, who was later suspended, over inflated costs of transportation of power plant equipment to the tune of Sh1.7 billion.

Legal committee

Before the issue landed before the Legal Affairs Committee, EACC had initiated investigations to establish how GDC offered Bonfide Clearing and Forwarding a contract in 2012 to move geothermal rigs and other equipment in 40 lots with each costing Sh42 million within a distance of 11 kilometres, bringing the worth of the entire deal to Sh1.7 billion. Mr Simiyu, who also appeared in President Uhuru Kenyatta's "list of shame" in March, has had investigations against him going on.



Majority Leader Aden Duale addresses Muslim faithful at Ma-drastul Madina in Kanamai, Kilifi County where he presided over a funds-drive to assist in the construction of the centre last week.
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CONTRACT DETAILS

Details of contracts

■ According to an award letter to Concordia and signed by Mr Simiyu, partitioning contract will cost Sh186 million.

■ Nomad Palace Hotel secured a contract to supply food to 150 GDC employees working at Menengai rigs 5, 6 and 7.

■ Contract signed by GDC managing director and company secretary while Abdi Bare Duale and Yussuf Abdullahi signed on behalf of Nomad Palace. Mr Abdi Bare Duale is also a director of Concordia.

There have also been claims of arbitrary promotion of staff at the beleaguered corporation which is considered a key component of the Jubilee Government's plan to generate

more electricity. GDC is a parastatal under the Ministry of Energy. Its Cabinet Secretary David Chirchir has also been suspended over separate corruption allegations.

The Legal Affairs Committee had moved to unplug the investigations, which had been going on at EACC for about two years with no end in sight.

According to documents seen by the *Sunday Nation*, Concordia Building and Civil Engineering Ltd and Nomad Palace Hotel Ltd were awarded the contracts on the same day. Their contracts with GDC are dated August 4, 2014 to partition a GDC office and supply food to the corporation. The two companies share post office address 126, Garissa.

Concordia's Certificate of Incorporation is NDC 144127, given by SM Ndisya for the Registrar of Companies. When the company was founded, the directors were listed as Mr Aden Duale and Mr Abdi Yakub Duale.

However, records at the Registrar of Companies show that a month after Concordia got the contract to partition the GDC office in Nairobi's South C, the directorship of the company changed to Mr Abdi Yakub Duale and Marian Mohamed Hassan.

According to minutes of Concordia dated September 12, 2014 and attended by Aden Bare Duale, Abdi Yakub Duale and Marian Mohammed Hassan, along with lawyer Fredrick Oregio, the Majority Leader resigned as director and transferred his shares to Marian Mohamed Hassan. The minutes lodged at the Registrar were supported by an affidavit signed by the Garissa MP. The changes saw Abdi Yakub Duale given 699 shares while Marian Mohammed Hassan got one share.

Mr Duale, the most senior Jubilee leader in the National Assembly, declined to comment on the apparent conflict of interest and simply told the *Sunday Nation* to go ahead and

publish the story. "Why should I confirm that story many (sic) brought for other purposes, go ahead," said Mr Duale through an SMS. According to an award letter to Concordia and signed by Mr Simiyu, the partitioning contract will cost Sh186 million.

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Breakfast tender

Nomad Palace Hotel Limited also secured another contract to supply food to 150 GDC employees working at Menengai geothermal rigs 5, 6 and 7. The contract was signed by the GDC Managing Director and company secretary Praxidis Saisi while Abdi Bare Duale and Yussuf Abdullahi signed on behalf of Nomad Palace. The two are listed as Nomad Palace Managing Director and General Manager respectively. Mr Abdi Bare Duale is also a director of Concordia.

Contract documents show that Nomad Palace Hotel was offering breakfast for Sh347 per person, 10 o'clock tea and snacks for Sh249, lunch for Sh549, dinner for Sh549, afternoon tea and snacks for 249 and a midnight meal for Sh549 amounting to Sh395,736 daily for its 150 staff. Contract documents bind GDC to provide electricity and water to Nomad Palace Hotel during the contract period.

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BALKANISED | Vigilantes that emerged in the 2007 violence have grown into fully fledged gangs

The deep mistrust that erupted into violence after 2007 poll is still evident here... and is replicated in Mathare, Kibera and other slums

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Along the banks of Nairobi River at the sprawling Huruma slum, two villages with distinct names lie side by side. Othaya and Bondo are the home bases of former President Mwai Kibaki and Cord leader Raila Odinga — who were bitter rivals during the 2007 presidential election.

They are also the names of two villages in Huruma settled primarily by members of the ethnic groups of the two long-time political rivals.

Here, the suspicion and mistrust that erupted into violence after the 2007 election is still evident. Othaya is predominantly occupied by the Kikuyu community while the Luo community fills most of the mud, stick and rusty iron sheet shanties that dot Bondo village like a permanent reminder of a time when the country was nearly torn apart.

A narrow dirt road with randomly occurring shallow trenches flowing with sewer water and kiosks acts as a boundary. Peter Gitari, who moved from Kijiji cha Chewa in the neighbouring Mathare 4A to the area in 2008, says he feels safer on the Othaya side of the boundary.

"It is not that we are not friends. People who live on this side enjoy good relations with people on the other side but I don't think anyone will be willing to live in an area where their people are not present," he says.

Learnt their lesson

He adds: "It is common sense. Everyone who was around here in 2007 saw what happened and learnt their lesson that it is safer when you live among people from your community than in isolation where you never know what may happen."

In early January 2008, the majority of houses at Kijiji Cha Chewa were razed. Mr Gitari and his neighbours

“

We have conditioned ourselves that, in order to find security, you have to stay with your tribe,"

Francis ole Kaparo, NCIC chair

camped outside the Moi Airbase for several weeks.

"When the peace deal was signed, I could not go back to Mathare for fear of reprisal attacks. Very few people went back," he says.

Close to nine years after Kenya witnessed the worst bout of post-election violence in its history, the country appears to have moved forward and even held a peaceful poll in 2013.

In the slums of Nairobi, however, the re-organisation of settlement patterns along ethnic lines that took place during the violence appears to have only become more deeply entrenched.

In Kibera, each of the 13 villages that make up the slum is synonymous with a particular ethnic group. Gatwekera, Raila, Soweto West, Kisumu Ndogo and Kianda are predominantly



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Children cross Nairobi River at Mathare Area 4A slum following flash floods. Two villages with distinct names — Othaya and Bondo — lie side by side along the river, each claimed by ethnic groups of the two long-time political rivals.

In the city's Othaya and Bondo slums, tribe rules

Luo-occupied villages.

The Kisii are dominant in Kianda, the Kikuyu in Laini Saba and the Kamba in Lindi. Within Silanga, the Luhya dominate while the Nubians primarily occupy Makina, Kambi Muru, Mashimoni and Kichinjio.

The situation is similar in Dandora where Dandora Phase 4 is predominantly occupied by the Luo community, and in Kawangware where the Luhya mostly live in 46 Area. Congolese immigrants are to be found in a section dubbed Congo.

Patrick Magero, a conflict and peace studies lecturer at the United States International University (USIU), says the violence sharpened the survival instincts of residents of the low income settlements.

"Unlike the rich whose social network is determined by their tastes and aspirations, the poor rely on their kinship networks as they are constantly fighting for survival on a daily basis. This was heightened during the violence when they realised the need for safety in numbers," he says.

Mr Magero argues that the situation benefits politicians who exploit ethnic divisions at election time.

"With the political rhetoric that we are having, people are continuously mobilising into tribal outfits. And remember that no one is still sure whether the 2007 violence was planned or spontaneous, similar to the 2013 election where one part of the population believes it was rigged," he says.

He cautions: "If you keep in mind that over 60 per cent of Nairobi lives in informal settlements and you have a situation where social mobilisation for civil disorder like rent non-payment, demonstrations or criminal activities can be done in a matter of minutes, the country is sitting on a time bomb."

Matters are made worse in areas such as Kibera where a number of residents who were tenants before the post-election violence assumed ownership of the houses they live in

after the landlords were chased away. Some of the landlords who have attempted to come back to collect rent have been threatened or assaulted.

In April last year, Mr Joseph Ngige was roughed up by his tenants when he went to collect rent for his houses in Gatwekera after not doing so for five years. Mr Ngige thought that with the election of a new government the tension that characterised the slum had gone away, but he was wrong.

One of the tenants had installed new tenants in some of his 30 houses and had started collecting money from them.

"He rained blows on me and told me that he would burn my houses to the ground if I ever went back. He also threatened to kill me," he says.

"In addition, many tenants had moved houses and sublet them to their friends who did not even know me. I reported the matter to the chief, Sarang'ombe ward, but he was not helpful."

Now living rent-free

Gatwekera, which comes from the Kikuyu word "Gutuikiria," which means to pass through, was initially predominantly occupied by members of the Kikuyu community up to the early 2000s. For this reason, a majority of houses in the area are owned by them.

However, as a result of the violence, the landlords, out of fear for their lives, fled and some residents are now living rent-free.

Vigilante groups too that emerged during the violence have in the past nine years grown into fully fledged gangs that control these balkanised areas. They too have taken an

ethnic dimension, control specific areas marked by ethnic boundaries and are used to safeguard political interests.

In Kibera, the Siafu only control Gatwekera while Mungiki control Laini Saba. In Korogocho, the Taliban control Highridge area mostly occupied by the Borana. Likewise, in Kawangware the Bakongo vigilante group controls Congo area.

The gangs not only control their areas but look after the interests of their communities, often leading to violent clashes.

Series of stabbing incidents

On December 28, 2012 over 50 houses were razed in Mathare, sparking a large police operation in the area that locked down the slum for days. The then police chief, Moses Ombati, said a gang from another section of the slum that burnt the houses was retaliating following a series of stabbing incidents.

Even more recently, the Siafu gang torched a toilet and vandalised a clinic in Gatwekera, Kibera, which had been put up as part of the ongoing slum upgrading projects by the National Youth Service following allegations of corruption in the Ministry of Devolution. Although both Jubilee and Cord coalitions condemned the actions, the gang is thought to have been politically aligned.

The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), though agreeing that the situation is dangerous, says there is little it can do to change it.

"It has to be broken but it is not a question of waking up and saying you guys you need to intermingle. There has to be a change in attitude," says NCIC chair Francis ole Kaparo.

"We have conditioned ourselves that in order to find security you have to stay with your tribe but there is nothing, as a commission that we can do. If there is anything that can be done, it should start with the politicians because we cannot dictate."

Family clings on to hope as chair of Kihiu Mwiri still missing

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The family of chairman of troubled Kihiu Mwiri Land Buying Company Paul Kariuki, who went missing three weeks ago, is praying and hoping that he will be found alive.

But their hopes are clouded by the firm's history of gangland-style killing of directors, and the fact that three other directors who went missing last year are yet to be traced.

Preliminary investigations indicate that Mr Kariuki's mobile phone was last traced to Ndarugo in Juja at 7pm on the material day.

The following day, his burnt car was found in Limuru near St Paul's University.

His wife Ruth Nyambura yesterday said she was able to identify the vehicle's number plate and a cheque book that had burnt partially.

Her worry is that Mr Kariuki could either be dead or may never be found like the other directors who were picked up from a Thika hotel in March last year.

Biggest puzzle

But what has continued to puzzle the authorities and Kenyans is the motive behind the executions.

In the last 18 months, the Muranga South-based firm has had eight directors short dead, with the latest victims being Mr Josephat Wanyoike and Chege Mwangi who were killed on Wednesday.

The two, according to Murang'a Assistant Deputy County Commissioner Joel Cherop, were riding on a motorcycle heading to Kabati market when the assailants, who were also riding on motorbike, shot at them.

"When they got near P.K Primary School, the other people tried to overtake them and the person who was in the passenger seat sprayed them with bullets, killing them on the spot," Mr Cherop said.

Mr Cherop said investigations were ongoing but added that they suspect the killings could be linked to the ongoing leadership wrangles pitting different factions.

Mr Stephen Chacha, the county criminal investigations chief, said directors' fight for the control of the firm's money was entirely to blame.

Others who have been killed are Paul Kaharu, Peter Kuria, Wilfred Gichana, Charles Kamau, Ibrahim Mwangi and Benson Gumbi.

Mr Kaharu was shot dead as he was getting into his car at Majengo Estate in Thika.

He had stopped to meet a friend while on his way home when the killers, who were on a boda boda, shot at him six times.

On May 10, Mr Peter Kuria, the company's vice chairman, was shot dead at his Grey Stone area home at 7pm while Mr Wilfred Gichana was gunned down in January.

Mr Charles Kamau, a director, was accosted by a gang at his home last year while Mr Ibrahim Mwangi was also shot dead by a gang that forced it way into his home.

But it was Mr Benson Gumbi who opened the file of the well-planned murders in 2001 after he was accosted by a gang in a coffee plantation while on his way to a meeting.

Thirteen

Number of villages that make up Kibera slum, each synonymous with a particular ethnic group — Luo, Kisii, Kikuyu, Kamba, Luhya, etc

CIRCULAR | Cabinet Secretary argues it long ceased to be for remedial learning

Give holiday tuition at own risk, education officials warn

Minister sends out circular urging parents to report to authorities in case schools demand fees from them

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County education officials have been told to ensure that schools do not conduct holiday tuition. Parents have also been urged by the education ministry to report those breaking the law. But the *Sunday Nation* has established that a number of schools have received money for holiday tuition despite the order by Education Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi that this is illegal. Prof Kaimenyi has directed county directors of education to notify the Director of Public Prosecutions Keriako Tobiko, about schools that do not heed the directive. He maintained that holiday tuition was outlawed in 2012. The law spells out a fine of Sh100,000 or one year in jail for those who break the law. Prof Kaimenyi said the law applied to public and private schools. “April, August and December holidays accord an opportunity to learners to relax and learn



Students of Star of Sea Secondary School in Mombasa in a past photo. Holiday tuition is illegal.

important social skills through interactions among themselves and with adults,” said Prof Kaimenyi. He added: “Tuition outside school hours and during holiday ceased to be remedial and has been turned into a commercial enterprise through which teachers earn illegal income. As a result, extra tuition is used to cover the content which should be covered in the normal academic year,” said Prof Kaimenyi. **Burden households** The minister said that the extra money that schools ask parents to pay for holiday tuition was an additional burden

to households besides being unethical. “No schools, without exception should conduct holiday tuition,” said Prof Kaimenyi in the circular. The Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) acting national treasurer John Matiang’i asked the government to employ more teachers. “With more teachers in schools, learners need not attend holiday tuition,” said Mr Matiang’i. At the same time, Prof Kaimenyi directed schools to comply with the March 10, 2015 *Gazette* notice on the maximum fees to charge parents for their children. Prof Kaimenyi said he was aware that a number of schools were charging high fees. “You are required to ensure that no public secondary school under your jurisdiction violates the recommended fees structure,” he said in a circular to county directors of education. The maximum fees for day schools was set at Sh12,244, while that of boarding schools was at Sh66,424 and Sh69,810 for special needs secondary schools. The maximum fee for day school is Sh9,370 and Sh53,553 for boarding schools and Sh37,210 for special schools. The fees is spread into three school terms at the ration of 50:30:20

Older graduates to get edge as tutors

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Older graduates will be accorded preference when the Teachers’ Service Commission begins hiring 5,000 teachers from tomorrow. The rule has been set by the commission so that those with teaching degrees who earned them in years gone by are not bypassed in favour of those who graduated recently. The guidelines also state that those aged 45 years will score more marks. Some 2,338 teachers will be posted to teach in primary schools while 2,662 will go to secondary schools, technical training colleges and institutes of science and technology. After the interviews, County Directors of Education will submit recruitment documents to the commission by August 14 for further vetting. Commission boss Nancy Macharia said all applicants

must be registered by the commission and those without registration certificates must attach a printout of a duly completed application form or payment receipt as evidence of application for registration. For primary school teachers, one must be a trained teacher with P1 PTE certificate and those who scored a distinction will score 40 marks, those with credit will score 30 marks while those with pass will get 10 marks. Those who left college in 2003 or before will score 40 marks while those who left in 2014 will get seven marks. The age of the applicant will also be a factor as those who are 40 years and above will score higher. Where candidates tie in scores, the panel will use the grade obtained in teaching practice, give preference to applicants who graduated earlier and also use quality of the academic certificates.

Talk of the TOWN



NOSY MP MEETS HIS MATCH

It is said lightning does not strike twice at the same place, but a Jubilee MP from northern Kenya has recently twice been on the receiving end from two female colleagues in the National Assembly. The MP is reported to have been hit in the face with a hand-bag after he referred to a fellow lawmaker as *takataka* (rubbish). And after he had a nasty verbal clash at a committee meeting, another female lawmaker told him off rather candidly, saying her election was by virtue of her support for their common principal in the Jubilee coalition. The man has, however, put on a brave face but is reluctant to discuss these incidents.

WATCH OUT MUSCLE MEN IN TOWN

The gym at a hotel in Nairobi’s Upper Hill is said to have had very good attendance last week during US President Barack Obama’s visit. Reason? Part of the President’s security detail, thought to be the Secret Service, was working out at the gym. One particular mountain of a man, an African-American, is said to have been given “all the votes” by the ladies. Our source, who regularly attends the gym, said everybody was awed by the energetic don’t-mess-with-us moves of the security officials. The consensus was that keeping up with the role of protecting the US president is hard work.

JUVENILE RELATIVE

Still on the historic visit, a rogue Kenyan relative of the US President found himself in an uncomfortable position when a top government official gave him a tongue-lashing over his “infantile” behaviour. Those who overheard the tough words from the big man said President Obama’s relative appeared to have been taken aback by the unexpected telling off at the public event. Whether or not the man will conduct himself in a more mature manner after the robust advice remains to be seen.

CAMPAIGN STRESS NOT OVER

An MP from Siaya County had his sleek four-wheel drive vehicle impounded by a bank after he defaulted on a loan. The MP had taken the loan to finance his 2013 election campaigns but has been defaulting on repayment. The bank went with auctioneers to his rental house in an upmarket Nairobi estate and took custody of the vehicle despite his pleas. Embarrassed, our snitch said the MP sought help from his close associates, some of them contractors he awarded projects funded by the Constituency Development Fund, who loaned him money to give to the bank. Despite the “bailout”, *mheshimiwa*’s financial woes are far from over.


DESPERATE TIMES

A besieged city politician, who is fighting against a group of colleagues that have ganged up against him, is so keen to show how close he is to State House that he has adopted some desperate measures to prove his point. The controversial politician is said to have recorded a telephone conversation he had with his senior in Jubilee in June when a section of Kibera slum dwellers attacked some National Youth Service projects in a night protest against alleged corruption. Those who have listened to the recording are shocked at his eagerness to replay the private conversation — presumably to indicate he is close to power and the Jubilee politicians fighting him will never win.

HANDSOME RETIREMENT PACKAGE

A former high-flying employee of a constitutional commission appears to have been paid handsomely to let go of the job without putting up a fight in what is understood as part of a manoeuvre to give room to a “user friendly” figure. A prominent personality who served in government and still enjoys immense contact there told *Talk of the Town* that the individual pocketed Sh300 million and waived the right to sue for wrongful dismissal in future. Not so much has been heard from the person, who has also not been seen in public months after the deal was struck. Do you have an issue you would like highlighted? Send us an email on sundaynation@ke.nationmedia.com

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Consult widely on proposed KDF Bill

It is natural in times when a nation is facing major security challenges for policy-makers to succumb to the temptation to legislate in ways that strengthen security at the expense of aspects.

But while everyone agrees on the need to take steps to tackle the threat posed by Somalia's al-Shabaab terrorists, who have in the past carried out deadly attacks in Kenya, this should not be done in a way that threatens to undermine civil liberties and which might lead to the exploitation of insecurity to raid the public purse without being held to account.

The proposed Kenya Defence Forces Amendment Bill 2015 dangerously veers towards a direction that could prove unhelpful to the nation, especially after landmark constitutional changes in 2010.

One concern in the proposed law is the deployment of the military to handle internal security matters that should ordinarily be the work of the national police service. This, the anticipated changes indicate, could be done without going through the current stringent checks that include parliamentary approval. A role is also envisaged for an auxiliary reserve force that includes the National Youth Service and the Kenya Wildlife Service.

Then there are internal matters that should be properly interrogated before they are passed. The respected former military chief Daudi Tonje, for example, introduced rules which were designed to professionalise the defence forces and which offered clear prescriptions guiding, for instance, the succession process for defence forces chiefs.

For reasons which are not explained, the draft Bill proposes to raise the retirement age for top military officers to 64, up from 62. Defying the spirit of the Tonje Rules which aimed to reduce the levels of arbitrary interference in the affairs of the military, the Bill also proposes to give the President powers to extend the tenure of defence chiefs by a year.

Civilian oversight over the military is a well established norm in democracies. To its credit, the Kenyan military has largely stayed in the barracks unlike many others on the continent where successful coups led many countries into the path of stagnation.

The new law will stray dangerously to the path of challenging this established practice, reducing scrutiny over its finances and essentially rendering the ministry of Defence irrelevant.

All parties agree that the Shabaab is one of the biggest threats that the country faces and the biggest potential obstacle to progress in the region.

But it is not right to use this threat to steer the country in a direction which yields ever greater militarisation of society.

The proposed law is a bad draft which should either be rejected by MPs or be subjected to far-reaching amendments when it is presented to the House.

Read fine print on trade deals

More details are now emerging of the various agreements struck between the American and Kenyan delegations during President Barack Obama's visit to Kenya.

Among the most significant is the apparent commitment of an American company to take part in the multi-billion-shillings Lamu port project investment. Funding to support the youth, women and farmers has also been promised.

While many of these initiatives are welcome, it is important that the Kenyan government does its duty to ensure these arrangements are favourable.

The Americans clearly have security and geopolitical considerations informing their renewed focus on the Horn of Africa, not least competition with other global rivals such as China. Kenyan government officials should be careful to extract the most favourable terms available. In particular, it is essential that these commitments should not add to Kenya's already large stock of external debt where that is feasible.

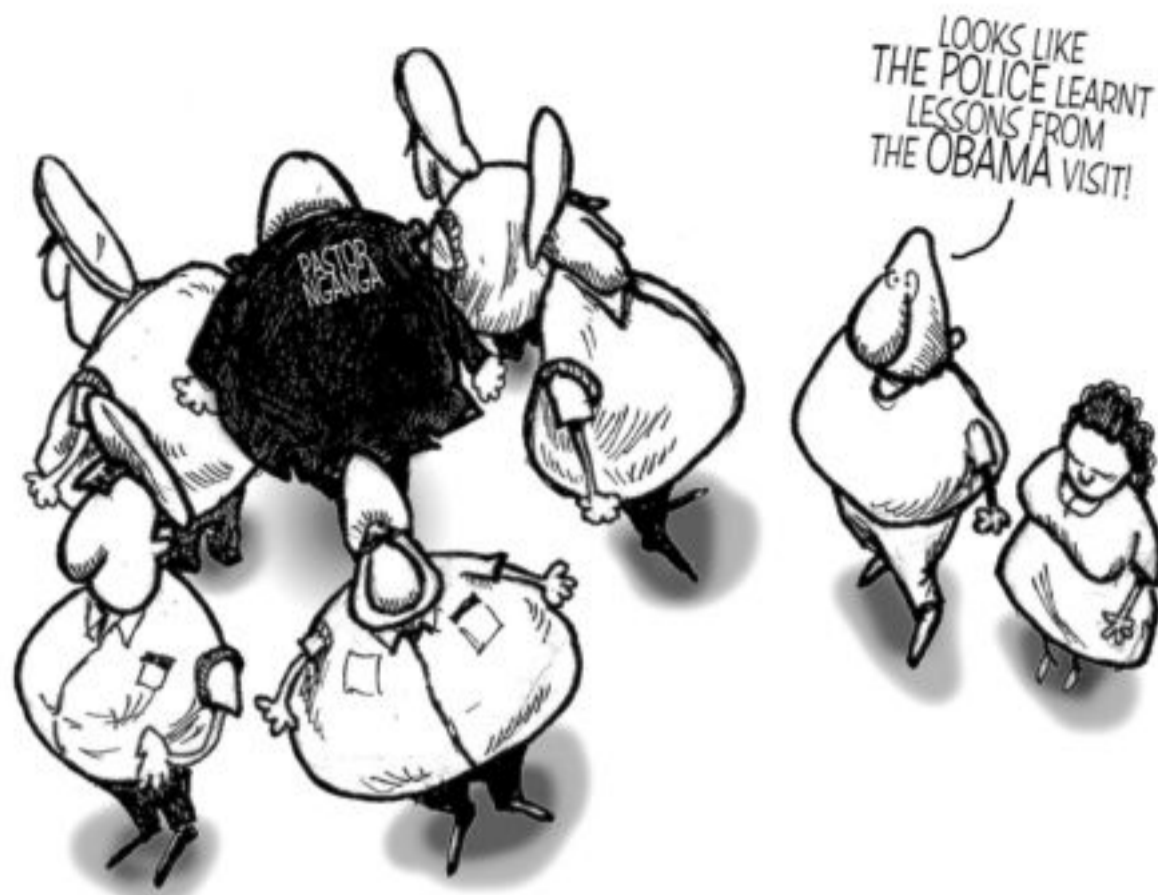
Transparency is also vital. The government should move with dispatch to inform the public the full details of these commitments. Overall, the renewed American focus on the Horn is welcome. But, at all times, local officials must act to advance the nation's interests.

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"Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors."

— African proverb

Samuel



THIS AND THAT | Murithi Mutiga

Obama's trip will inspire generations but his speeches on Africa were off the mark



Message of hope: Obama passed on a message that he believes in the hope narrative and the need for alternatives rather than forever lamenting

President Obama's speechwriters could have done a better job in crafting the message he passed on during his Africa trip.

He repeated too many stock phrases and declared the obvious too emphatically.

The people who wrote several paragraphs demanding that Kenya should allow women to get an education, for example, must have checked their Kenya facts decades ago.

In fact, partly as a result of free primary education, the number of girls enrolled in primary schools surpassed that of boys several years ago.

As John Page of the Brookings Institution pointed out in a blog, Obama's old prescriptions – that Africa needs more transparency, better rule of law and reforms to improve the business environment – are a “familiar litany” that really doesn't say anything new. <http://www.brookings.edu/blogs/africa-in-focus/posts/2015/07/28-obama-africa-page>

In fact, Page argues, the central debate in Africa should be how to move people from low-wage, low-productivity sectors and address the infrastructure and skills gaps that have held back industrialisation on the continent.

The Asian economic powerhouses moved their people from poverty to a broad middle class existence mainly because they industrialised on a massive scale, meaning people shifted from being “working poor” to holding high-wage, high productivity jobs.

In fact, at the risk of attracting a lynch mob, I would argue that even corruption is not really the massive barrier to progress on the

continent that every “Africa expert” claims it is.

As is often pointed out by economists such as Jeffrey Sachs, many countries with very corrupt ruling elites have enjoyed rapid economic progress. Malaysia, Turkey, Brazil and China to name a few. What much of Africa lacks is the quality of leaders that these countries possessed at critical points in their history, people with the drive and imagination to restore their nation's dignity by striving relentlessly for economic progress.

Yet all this is meaningless nitpicking. What Obama said in Nairobi is largely irrelevant. It was just enough that he came at all. That we had the good fortune to “drink the same air,” as we say in some communities, with a figure of tremendous historic significance.

Very few visitors to Kenya will see babies named after them, ring-tones sold in their name and foreign flags sold in the hundreds. Obama means an awful lot to many around the world, a fact which explains why so many companies rushed out ads trying to cash in on the visit. (“Yes we can – make juice”, was a particular favourite, advertising a juice blender.)

Obama could get away even with some of his misguided lectures because he is a “son of the soil” and a man who, even when he is hectoring, speaks with a humility

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A better approach would be for the opposition to offer an alternative vision”

and genuineness that offers him a free pass.

His visit has been analysed too much on micro details revolving around what he said. In fact, it was just enough that he came. That we saw him at close quarters. And that millions of young people have a towering historic figure – with Kenyan roots – to look up to as an inspiration.

Much has been made of the ticking off that the opposition leaders received at the hands of the American president.

In fact, Obama might have done the opposition a favour and offered them a chance to revive their fortunes.

The Cord leadership's “Kenya is collapsing” narrative just doesn't fit the facts. In fact, a lot of businessmen seated in Europe and Washington and looking for a foothold in this part of the world are choosing Kenya due in part to questions over South Africa's long-term stability, the well recorded issues around living in Lagos and the relatively small consumer class in Accra.

A better approach for the opposition would be to offer an alternative vision and outline a message of hope. To agree that “Kenya is on the move” but that it can be so much more.

The great debate among political strategists is whether it is better to campaign on a platform of grievance or one of hope.

Obama passed on a message that he believes in the hope narrative and the need for alternatives rather than permanently lamenting.

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WHAT THEY SAID | OPINION MAKERS



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We were informed we had to procure the kits, with the government offering to do a government-to-government deal with the Canadians. He (Kinyua) told us to adopt the deal but to make it appear as if it was the commission undertaking the tender. I must admit we were awed by the presence of the principals and we could not have gone against their decision despite knowing it would not work" – **former IEBCE CEO James Oswago.**



Failure to revise this excessive tax on Vienna Ice Ready-to-Drink Vodka will lead to loss of jobs and livelihoods for thousands of Kenyans. Of these, 250 employees directly rely on Keroche Breweries, while thousands indirectly depend on the business from Keroche. Keroche Breweries is filing a case seeking protection against this punitive harsh action" – **Keroche CEO Tabitha Karanja.**

SUNDAY VIEW | Gitau Warigi

Uhuru Kenyatta, you put on a class show; now get rid of the rotten apples



Kick them out ...
If and when Uhuru secures that crucial re-election, he should have no reason not to kick the whole lot out of his life

Much as there are those who imagine a good word for Uhuru Kenyatta makes you a jackboot (whatever that means), the fact of the matter is that the President put up a very polished performance as host to Barack Obama. Eloquent, supremely poised, sophisticated, often witty – Uhuru did not disappoint. And the visitor responded in kind. There was evident chemistry in between. The body language said it all.

Photos and television footage showed two very sharp politicians who communicated easily and were comfortable with each other. The official White House album of the tour which was posted online opens with a photo of the two leaders dancing together to Sauti Sol's music during the State House banquet last weekend.

Uhuru has personally avoided going onto the rooftops to gloat about the offhand treatment his principal opponents got from the visiting dignitary. That is what is called class. It is, to put it straight, a matter of pedigree.

There is a larger point to all this. A feisty radio personality had put her take on it on YouTube recently. This very refined Uhuru persona the world saw for three days should become the standard definition of what our President is from now onwards. That is the persona which will frighten away the assorted black sheep orbiting around him and who mess up his image.

I am talking of the godfathers of corruption who are in his government purely to loot. These ones he must sideline. Since this is proving difficult to do through

institutional means like the trouble-ridden EACC, Uhuru must find other ways to get rid of them. He must also keep off well-known ethnic rabble-rousers who profess to be close to him but in reality have nothing in common with his breeding. So he must distance himself from certain elected bling-bling clowns who only end up making him look unserious.

Make no pretence: The opposition itself has many more of these riff-raff in its ranks. It's only that they are not in power. Thus the damage they can do is limited.

By no means is anybody suggesting that Uhuru does away with his down-to-earth character which has been his biggest selling point as a person and a leader. And certainly nobody would want to choose for him the company to keep. What citizens have the right to expect is that their elected commander-in-chief upholds the dignity of the country at all times.

I am realistic enough to appreciate that getting rid of this undesirable baggage will not be easy ahead of 2017 – for political reasons. But if and when Uhuru secures that crucial re-election, he should have no reason not to kick the whole lot out of his life. He must not lose

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There are plenty of clean, efficient, forward-looking, visionary individuals Uhuru can work with to make Kenya a better place”

that opportunity to thoroughly clean house and leave a lasting legacy. The radio lady even half-jokingly suggested that she would be ready to work for the President at that time.

There are plenty of clean, efficient, forward-looking, visionary individuals he can work with to make this country a better place. They are not confined to Jubilee.

The Kenyan media have been confidently writing about Obama's dad, Barack Obama Snr, as having been a beneficiary of the famous Tom Mboya student "airlifts" to the US. He was not. Obama himself falsely claimed he was when campaigning for the presidency in 2007. Truth is, Senior was turned down when he sought the much-coveted opportunity. He was spurned by a man called Robert F. Stephens who was the cultural affairs officer at the US Information Service (USIS) in Nairobi between 1957 and 1959. Obama Senior only found his way to the US through the determined help of a Texan friend called Elizabeth Mooney who was in Kenya working on literacy programmes.

The Other Barack: The Bold and Reckless Life of President Obama's Father explodes many myths surrounding the man. The book was written by Sally Jacobs, an enterprising journalist with the *Boston Globe* newspaper. She made several trips to Kenya, including to Kogelo, and interviewed just about everybody, mighty and low, who knew Obama Senior.

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FIFTH COLUMNIST | Philip Ochieng

Sprucing up city in order to impress Obama was an exercise in futility



Kenya's leaders bent over backwards to impress Mr Barack Hussein Obama when the American President paid an official visit to the capital city of the country in which his father was born.

For instance, we literally bundled all beggars and piece-goods merchants out of the streets of the "City in the Sun".

Where did we take them? Ask me another. For I know only two things. The one is that Nairobi is

unthinkable without mendicants and informal open-air commerce.

The other is that the President of the world's technological superpower is already extraordinarily well informed about this unflattering fact concerning his father's native country.

For one thing only, President Obama has a permanent mission in our capital. And the US leader receives periodic – perhaps daily – briefing from his embassy on the most salient occurrences, including the ugliest ones, in our country's seat of government. Before he came, the US President already knew much about Nairobi's normal occurrences.

He knew that our rubbish bins overflow from weeks of failure in collection. Our streets are full to the brim with unlicensed merchants.

Urban vehicles do not heed the street lights and their noise pollution is second only to Cairo's. The news pages of our newspapers are monopolised by mindless political duelling.

I repeat that, long before he came to Kenya last week, Barack Obama already knew all this and a thousand other unflattering things about Nairobi. Therefore, only if you think he is a fool can you assume that, every time he comes, he will be very impressed by your efforts to apply a coat of white paint on all your urban soot and cobweb.

Yours, then, was an exercise in futility. Some Kenyans might have asked you some uncomfortable questions. If Kenyans are your primary responsibility as a government and if, all the time, Nairobi needs to be clean and well-supplied with goods and services, why do you have to wait for a foreign visitor to spruce up Nairobi? Why aren't the people your inspiration?

The people do not demand it as a favour. They demand it because that was why they elected the two governments: national and urban. To deliver every necessary merchandise and service was what the elected national and city officials promised when they were campaigning for their present offices.

Moreover, the people demand adequate goods and services because they are being made to pay some of the world's heaviest taxes allegedly to enable both governments to deliver just such goods and services to the popular mass. The mass needs clean streets, not just because a certain Barack Obama is coming, but permanently for their own health and comfort.

Yet "aid" is the compelling reason that the Third World's political class would lavish on a visiting First World leader the little money earned through their overworked peasants and urban labourers rather than reinvesting the money on the peasants and labourers to enable them to improve the quality and quantity of those products for themselves.

First World "aid" is far more attractive to our ruling classes. It is the reason we would rather lavishly entertain the nabobs visiting us from the north-west. Put another way, "aid" is the source from which the Third World's ruling classes develop the swollen tummies which a Third World cynic one characterised as the "patriotic fronts".

That is why Kenya's authorities had no qualm about announcing that, now that Barack Obama had left Kenya, beggars and hawkers could return to the streets of Nairobi.

The authorities seemed to have no idea that, whenever the streets of a country's capital city are full of beggars, it expresses only the authorities' own failure in governance.

Thus the US President's father would turn in his grave if you told him that, for his own son's sake, official Kenya had just sunk our country into deeper poverty with no caveat.

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State has been very unfair to our heroes

The government has failed to implement a Bill to honour Kenya heroes. The Bill was passed in November 2013 and forms a 13-member National Heroes Council for the purposes of establishing a method to support dependants of deceased heroes who. These are people who, through selfless sacrifice, contributed to the well-being of the nation. But the council cannot do its work after Parliament failed to allocate it money this financial year. The government should learn to honour legislations, especially ones that affect the less well-off in society.

Joseph Sosi, Kisumu.

Leaders took the right stand on gays

Allow me to commend President Uhuru Kenyatta and his Deputy for their firm stand on the same sex marriage debate. They resonated well with Kenyans when they differed with US President Barack Obama. No African nation whose moral integrity is right can accept the American stand that violates the divine appointed marital laws between man and woman. Even Islam and Christianity, which are dominant in Africa, view with extreme disfavour this social evil now common in the so-called civilised world. No one, therefore, should impose gay marriage on Africa. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of sexual depravity of their inhabitants.

Hussein Hafidh, Mombasa.

We missed Obama's point in controversy

The news of US President Barack Obama's coming received both positive and negative reactions. To the enthusiasts, President Obama's coming was seen as that of a son or brother returning home. To the critics, the US leader's stand on gay rights seemed to rub them the wrong way. What I deduced from his speech was simple. Despite the fact that one may not agree with the opinions of gays and lesbians, he was very clear that in a democracy, they had rights as citizens to have the freedom of expression and opinion. So let's not be so hard on Obama on this issue and try to listen keenly to his heart's cry without judgement but with an open mind.

Harriet Owalla, Nairobi.

TALKING POINT

Examinations body should not extort money from parents

News that MPs have given the Kenya National Examinations Council a two-week ultimatum to withdraw a directive requiring school heads to charge candidates who want to change subjects or amend registration detail has come at the right time.

The circular dated July 10, 2015 to charge Kenya Certificate of Primary Examination and Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination candidates Sh500 for amending details and Sh3,000 for changing subjects is regrettable.

It amounts to reintroducing examination registration fees that the government scrapped. It also amounts to extorting from parents who let a sigh of relief following the government's takeover of registration fees.

As the MPs rightly noted, students, like every other person, are bound to make mistakes and they should not be punished for that.

Furthermore, registration is done online by the school heads and it won't cost a fortune just to press a button and make the changes for an examination scheduled to be done early in November.

If the directive is not withdrawn, most parents might opt to leave the details as they are, which will have a long-term effect on the candidates' official documents.



FILE | NATION

Students of Nairobi School celebrate exam results in March.

The government, whose intention was to make education affordable, must move with speed before it is too late.

The examinations council secretary must also be made to explain what he intended to use the money for.

This has not been the case

before and parents, as well as teachers, are asking what has changed to warrant such levies.

It also comes in the wake of the examinations council upgrading its systems.

Nabongo Thomas Waswa, Mumias.

To admire US president while having no desire to follow his example is hypocritical

Far be it from me to pour cold water on the country's jubilant mood following President Obama's visit to Kenya, but realism must kick in at some point, if we are to keep our feet on the ground. There is no doubt that Mr Obama exuded a confidence and charisma that many found quite disarming. Is this is not due to the unarguable fact that he has achieved his pre-eminent position through merit and fairly fought elections?

We would have to be a little divorced from reality if we reckon that had he pursued his political career in Kenya he would have taken up residence at State House. Merit and fair

play are not valued in Kenya where they are virtually regarded as a liability. The journey "From Log Cabin to White House" is far more straightforward than the one from Western Province to State House.

Mr Obama, in his gracious manner, has done his best to show us that when power is permanently in the hands of a favoured few, there will always be resentment among the disenfranchised masses.

To admire a man, while having no desire to follow his example, is the height of hypocrisy, and we all know how hypocrites were viewed by Jesus.

R.A Massie-Blomfield, Nairobi.

The Cutting Edge

BY THE WATCHMAN

A NEW THREAT: There is a new threat dubbed Afro-pessimism, remarks Kanyi Gioko, explaining that it is the perennial tendency to whine and see nothing good in anything Africans do. A case in point, he adds, is the criticism of the recent beautification of Nairobi and the removal of street families in preparation for US President Barack Obama's visit, the first to Kenya by a sitting American head of state. "I liked the initiative but I was surprised that the programme suddenly stopped when Obama said goodbye." His contact is kgioko@gmail.com.

RETURN OF THE STREET KIDS: The street families and muggers have poured back into the streets of Nairobi since President Obama's departure last Sunday after his seminal visit to Kenya, Karanga Kimani reports. The street people who had been removed, he claims, are "once again doing their business", having made a comeback on Monday afternoon. For the days they were off the streets, he claims, the metropolis, and especially the central business district, was much safer with no muggings or incidents of vandalising of cars reported. His contact is karangafry@yahoo.com.

OH KENYA POWER: The cost of electricity is driving the majority of Kenyans back to using firewood, moans Christopher Kibiwott. In the past one month, he adds, he has received fewer units for the same amount of money. On July 13, he paid Sh450 and got 37.8 units, on July 22, some 30 units, and on July 29, only 22.9 units for the same amount of money. "How does Kenya Power arrive at these crazy figures? I thought we were headed towards cheaper electricity! This is like daylight robbery and yet the ERC is silent." His contact is chriskib2000@yahoo.com.

SAFARICOM BUNDLES: Something is wrong with the pricing of Safaricom's data bundles, remarks a disturbed Internet service customer, Rodney Barton. For about eight years, Rodney has been religiously buying data bundles from the mobile service provider and only used about 1GB in a whole month. But from the middle of June to July 19, he was shocked to learn that he had consumed 4GB of data bundles "doing pretty much the same thing". He has since voted with his fingers, buying an Orange sim card that came with 1GB. His contact is rrbarton2001@yahoo.com.

ANOTHER PECULIARITY: To the list of the peculiar habits of Kenyans, which include the tendency to lie on the phone about one's location, John Maina wishes to add the placing by some bosses of their graduation or family photos conspicuously on top of their desks. He poses: "Can someone, anyone explain to me why this is so? It is also common to see the same people placing photos of themselves in graduation gowns in their living rooms." John, whose contact is info@younglinekenya.com, says he will only be too glad to get some plausible explanation.

MIRROR MIRROR: For Churchill Amatha, the big question is: "Why the apparent addiction to mirrors by one gender and particularly in the lifts". Immediately doors open, he adds, one rushes to the mirror. "Some will look at their faces, while others adjust this or that, with theatrical gestures. Another peculiar habit is pressing the button of the floor one is going to only exclaim later that they have passed it. Do they suddenly doubt the way they dressed while leaving the house?" His contact is amatha@hotmail.co.uk.

NO LONGER 'RAHA': Gangs of menacing youths have taken control of matatu stages in Mombasa, unleashing a reign of terror, moans George Otieno. The worst affected is the Mombasa-Malindi road, where the stages are under the grip of the lawless youth wreaking havoc on commuters as if they have no fear in the world of possible arrest by police. "They extort money from matatu conductors, operating in gangs of 10, who will attack those who do not pay protection fee." George is urging county chief Nelson Marwa to crack down on the crooks. His contact is geoatt600@yahoo.com.

Have a realistic day, won't you!

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Thirty Years Ago

August 2, 1985

Mr Ezekiel Mweu, an Assistant Minister for Education, Science and Technology, has urged parents to supplement the government's efforts in promoting education.

Mr Mweu said this could be achieved if parents advised their children on the importance of education, built good classrooms for

them and equipped their schools with good learning facilities.

He was speaking at a parents and prize giving day at Sironga Girls' High School in Nyamira Division, Kisii District. Mr Mweu donated Sh50,000 from his ministry to use in buying a mowing machine and desks.

The assistant minister was accompanied by local MP David

Onyancha, Kisii DEO Peter Mbugua, and acting DC Michael Gichobi. He praised teachers and students of Sironga Girls for maintaining high discipline.

Mr Mweu advised students to work hard and pass their examinations. He promised that his ministry would buy a generator for the school and build a home science classroom.

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There is concern that the US leader failed to express himself about key government concerns

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IT study tells how polls body set itself up for failure in 2013

Letters between the electoral commission and technology experts show Hassan ignored warnings that electronic kits would malfunction

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Computer technology experts warned the Independent Electoral Commission that the electronic kits they were planning to use were bound to fail but the advice was rejected, documents show.

It turns out that the commission may have set itself up for failure days to the 2013 General Election — as Kenyans and the world hoped that the kits would improve the poll's credibility.

Correspondence between the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission Chairman Issack Hassan and information communication technology experts — both from the commission and externally — shows that he failed to heed their warning that the electronic voter kits were bound to fail.

An internal memo by ICT director Dismas Ong'ondi on December 6, 2012, to then chief executive James Oswago kicked off the storm by putting a caveat that Face Technologies Ltd, a company that was poised to get the contract to supply the electronic polling kits, had no capacity to do so.

"The bidder indicated they would not be able to provide regional support for the devices to the commission. The original specification of the electronic voter identification devices envisioned that the gadgets would have 3G modules for data transmission. Face Technology can no longer supply this with the devices," he wrote.

Mr Ong'ondi explained that, effectively, the devices could not have network connectivity to transmit provisional results



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Then IEBC chief executive officer James Oswago assists President Mwai Kibaki to record his finger prints during the launch of voter registration at Kenyatta International Convention Centre, Nairobi, in late 2012.

and periodic voting progress reports from polling stations.

"So we do not recommend the simultaneous introduction of so many technologies so close to an election since doing so leaves us with inadequate time to test/pilot and stabilise these new solutions before full use. The directorate recommends termination of the electronic voter devices tender as no contract has been signed.

Most of the kits failed to remit results to the national tallying centre as had been envisioned.

On December 10, the same year, Mr Michael Yard, country director of the International Foundation of Electoral Systems, contracted by the Commission, wrote to Mr Hassan validating Mr Ong'ondi's advice on why the tender award to Face firm ought to be terminated.

"Face has reneged consider-

ably on what they promised in their bid, and are now far out of compliance with tender specifications. Most importantly, Face says they will not commit to loading the data onto the devices, but will transfer that responsibility to commission. Ask yourself why a vendor would be willing to walk away from a \$30 million (about Sh306 million) contract rather than hire enough people to load the data," he posed.

Mr Yard pointed out that Face Technologies had itself realised its inadequacies and was treading with care. "The reality is that this is so time-intensive on these devices (which operate more slowly than what Face originally offered), that there is a high probability that the data cannot be loaded in time to distribute these for Election Day. The vendor is unwilling to accept the risk of failure. Should the commission be willing to accept that risk?" he asked Mr Hassan.

Keen not to antagonise the leadership of the commission, Mr Yard did not copy the other directors the mail. "I wanted to reply to your email without copying the broader distribution," he

noted.

Mr Yard unsuccessfully sought to convince the poll chief that the risk of failure in a last-minute deployment of untested devices was greater than the risk of cancellation. "I urge you to carefully reconsider your determination to push forward with procuring a technology that has already raised so many red flags. Consider how the Kenyan voters and politicians would react if you had the same failure of devices that Ghana just experienced.

Mr Yard's advice had been prompted by an earlier email by Mr Hassan on December 7, 2012, to Mr Ronan McDermott, the International Foundation of Electoral Systems consultant, who had categorically asked him to cancel the tender.

"Ronan, with tremendous respect, your recommendation coming so late in the day is most unfortunate and unacceptable. We need to separate results transmission from the poll book. Another tender cancellation will seriously undermine the dwindling confidence levels

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Gakiha Weru

OUR PRIDE IS AT STAKE

News of national carrier Kenya Airways hitting financial headwinds has been the subject of intense debate all week. The reason for this is that KQ is a brand very close to the heart and soul of Kenyans. It is a way of life. In lonely and cold places where people won't smile to save their lives, there is nothing as comforting and reassuring as the KQ logo flying high. It is truly the pride of Africa. So a rescue attempt is a national imperative. That said, there is one inescapable constant. A business that can't keep itself together never mind a tempestuous environment will surely perish national pride notwithstanding.

INDEED A HEAVY BUNDLE

When I buy Safaricom data bundles, they come with an expiry date. Contrary to what some people believe, I'm a busy man — things to do and people to see. So sometimes I never get to use the bundles. In the morning I get the now all-familiar ping announcing that my daily bundles have been renewed. Poof! Yesterday's Sh100 worth of data is gone. To me, Sh100 in data represents hard cash — that pink note with the photograph of a dead president. In my world, money does not expire. Yes?

MENACING LOOK PAYS OFF

I got lost in Likia in Nanyuki looking for a guy called Casanova. A friend had warned me to keep away from certain areas otherwise I would return without my shoes. So any time I came across a group of young men eyeing me with curiosity, I would wear this menacing look that says "So you love shoes particularly those you haven't paid for, right? Go ahead, try it but, trust me, tomorrow evening your people will be meeting where Nanyuki people meet to plan weddings, raise cash for hospital bills and *kutayarisha mazishi*." I emerged unscathed with the exception of an occasional sneer here and there.

HIS EYES SAY IT ALL

It is certainly a small world and you never know who comes to your rescue. I got stranded along that animal track near the Nanyuki-Rumuruti road. I got a lift from a guy who lives in my neighbourhood near the big prison. For the next two hours, I had to exchange small talk with a man who looks at me in a manner that suggests that he routinely catches me winking at his house girl.

Your recommendation, coming so late, is most unfortunate and unacceptable. Another tender cancellation will seriously undermine the confidence levels in the IEBC — Hassan

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RED FLAG | Under-banked cash also noted by Auditor General’s report that exposed wanton graft

Why governors must explain the whereabouts of Sh32bn revenue

Devolved units targeted to raise Sh57bn but only accounted for Sh25bn, raising fears of massive hemorrhage of funds

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Governors are on the spot over the whereabouts of Sh32 billion collected as local revenue by county governments but which has not been accounted for, leading to the possibility of massive hemorrhage of public resources.

County governments had targeted to raise Sh57 billion from local revenue sources but only accounted for Sh25 billion, according to a report by the Controller of Budget, meaning that either the missing cash was not collected or banked.

“During the reporting period, county governments generated a total of Sh 25.1 billion from local sources, which translated to Sh44 per cent of the total annual local revenue target,” said Controller of Budget Agnes Adhiambo in her latest report.

The under banked revenue collection was a key point noted by the Auditor General in his report that exposed wanton destruction of county resources and introduction of a looting culture in the devolved units.

Investigations by *Sunday Nation* indicate that some counties have turned their focus on local revenue as an easy target for theft by collecting much and declaring little so as to facilitate unregulated spending.

Most counties have enhanced their revenue collection sources by tightening loopholes that existed during the era of local authorities, but despite a potential to collect more the total revenue collected by local authorities in their last year of operation is over 50 per cent more than what the devolved governments are collecting.

Nairobi County had projected to collect Sh17 billion but declared only Sh9.2 billion. It still emerged as the highest local revenue collector.

The county, led by Governor Evans



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Budget Controller Agnes Adhiambo. “The missing cash was either not collected or banked.” On the left is Uasin Gishu County Deputy Governor Daniel Chemno.

Kidero, is expected to collect even more after increasing parking fees from Sh150 to Sh 300.

The county government also moved to automate collection of parking revenue, thereby minimising pilferage. But it failed to hit the target, managing only 51 per cent of its target.

In his report, Mr Ouko unearthed various irregularities in the handling of local revenue by the city county authorities.

“Daily returns as per the parking department showed a total collection of Sh1,680,132,742.00, while total parking revenue as per LAIFOMs amounted to Sh1,607,494,953, resulting in an un-reconciled and unexplained variance of Sh72,637,789,” the report said.

The were also stories of missing receipt books, or withholding of those collected by parking revenue

collectors.

“But examination of LAIFOMs reflected off street parking revenue of Sh8,539,435, which was 26.6 per cent of the expected revenue of Sh32,054,000, resulting to a difference of Sh23,514,565 not accounted for,” said the report.

Though they did not hit their target, Mombasa and Nakuru still ranked at the top in revenue collection.

Mombasa county raised Sh1.8 billion, failing to meet its Sh5.1 billion target, while Nakuru managed Sh1.5 billion out of the projected Sh2.7 billion.

Of all the counties, Marsabit rated highly after it collected more than what it projected in the budget, hitting 145.4 per cent against the projected revenue collection. Elgeyo Marakwet managed 89.5 per cent while West Pokot raised 81 per cent.

Despite ongoing huge oil exploration activities in Turkana County, the local treasury reported only 19.9 per cent of the projected revenue.

The county claimed it collected only Sh99 million against its projected base of Sh500 million, something that has raised eyebrows.

Vihiga and Tana River Counties are also listed among those with shocking revenue collection performance.

“
Counties generated Sh25.1bn locally, which translated to Sh44pc of the total annual local revenue target,”

Budget Controller Agnes Adhiambo

Vihiga said it would generate Sh102 million locally but widely missed the target when it declared only Sh77.7 million; while Tana River said it was capable of collecting Sh120 million but raised only Sh20 million.

Vihiga county is currently embroiled in a territorial battle with Kisumu County after Governor Moses Akaranga laid claim to Maseno Town to boost revenue base.

A similar situation has arisen at Keroka Town, which is being claimed by both Nyamira and Kisii counties. The boundary divides the town into two equal sizes, with both counties sharing a piece.

“Records at the revenue office indicated that a total of Sh3,053,104 was collected in April 2014, a figure that differed with that in the accounting department — of Sh4,103,504,” the auditor said.

Counties that did not perform well in revenue collections include Garrisa, Nandi, Bungoma and Isiolo.

The top 10 counties with high revenue collection bases as projected in their own budgets include Nairobi (Sh10 billion), Mombasa (Sh5.1 billion), Narok (Sh3.9 billion), Kiambu (Sh3 billion), Nakuru (Sh2.7 billion), Machakos (Sh2.5 billion), Uasin Gishu (Sh1.19 billion), Kisumu (Sh1.13 billion), Bungoma (Sh1.07 billion) and Kilifi (Sh1 billion).

Tech experts had sounded the alarm on poll kit flaws

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in the commission. I am sorry I have not met you formally but permit me to tell (you that) your advice is bad advice,” Mr Hassan said.

Mr McDermott had called on the commission to focus on the use of technology for results transmission and use paper voter lists on Election Day.

“These lists have a successful track record in Kenya, as well as many countries around the world. Ease of identification of a voter and the difficulty in voter personation make the Photo Voter’s List a highly plausible contingency,” he recommended.

Mr Hassan told the anti-corruption commission that he had not seen the December 6 memo from Mr Ong’ondi.

The unfolding story, more than two years after the poll, casts a pall on a body that many people look up to for efficient electoral management, bearing in mind that elections in Kenya are fiercely contested.

Details of the boardroom haggling also reveal that the laptops used by the commission were neither serialised nor branded, exposing them to external interference, something Mr Issack acknowledged in a statement he recorded with the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission on its investigations into tendering flaws.

But he says no one ever brought details of Mr Ong’ondi’s memo to him, indicating that had this been the case, he would have supported the idea of cancellation.

“I first learnt about its existence during the presidential election petition at the Supreme Court,” he said.

Fear of public backlash

What is, however, puzzling is Mr Hassan’s admission that much as he could have toyed with the idea of a cancellation, the fear of a public backlash would not have allowed him to do so, after all.

“On December 7, 2012 I received an email from the commission management copied to me from McDermott. He proposed that the whole procurement be cancelled, but I was concerned with the negative publicity due to another cancellation of a tender after BVR. I suggested that everything possible should be done to salvage the process,” he writes.

Mr Ong’ondi, who was sacked by the commission after he advised against procurement of voter identification devices, also accused Mr Hassan of having vested interests.

Both Mr Oswago and Mr Ong’ondi have appeared before the Public Accounts Committee to shed light on what could have transpired. Mr Oswago has also been arraigned in relation to the tender award.

Even as most of the electronic kits stalled on Election Day, the push and pull between the commission and its suppliers saw some voting materials delivered long after elections had been conducted.

Faced with serious credibility questions, the Hassan-led body is embroiled in a fight for survival. It hopes to regain public confidence through its recently launched strategy plan.

It’s a bid to demonise county authorities and devolution, they charge

Council of Governors chairman Peter Munya told *Sunday Nation* this week that counties have, infact, improved on their revenue collection.

“We are doing very well in revenue collection. This was not well captured by the auditors but we are beginning to meet our targets. At the moment, we have encouraged counties to automate their services to further enhance revenue collection,” Mr Munya said.

He denied that the undeclared revenue may be ending up in unauthorised expenditure by the counties.

Bomet Governor Isaac

Ruto dismissed claims that the defunct local authorities collected much more that what is currently being declared by counties.

“In the previous dispensation, the auditors would capture such allocations as Latf and count them as part of the revenue. That is why theirs appeared to be on the higher side,” the governor claimed.

Kisii Governor James Ongwae said there was a concerted effort to ensure devolution fatigue sets in by consistently generating material meant to embarrass governors and make county governments look bad.

“We have quite a lot going on in most of the counties. But there are some people who would rather demonise the governors and the county authorities in a bid to make Kenyans lose hope on devolution,” the governor said.

He said that many counties were struggling with limited funding for development to initiate new projects and improve service delivery.

“In Kisii, for example, we have transformed the health-care system at the level four hospital. Now neighbouring counties are referring to that institution. We have CT scan machines, enhanced theatre facilities and improved sani-

tation at the hospital as well,” said Mr Ongwae.

He further said Suneka airstrip in the county is undergoing massive transformation that will open the

southern Nyanza region to air transport services and increase revenue for the county government.

Counties with billionaire potential and how they fared

Number	County	Projected Revenue Collection2014/15(Ksh)	Declared Collected Revenue 2014/15 (Ksh)
1	Nairobi	17,762,590,000	9,201,756,927
2	Mombasa	5,121,608,017	1,800,847,038
3	Narok	3,909,274,146	1,200,042,490
4	Kiambu	3,597,382,589	1,376,356,577
5	Nakuru	2,708,413,264	1,590,062,879
6	Machakos	2,533,480,241	1,055,510,130
7	Uasingishu	1,193,421,629	715,237,847
8	Kisumu	1,134,430,491	759,021,638
9	Bungoma	1,075,035,502	304,704,321
10	Kilifi	1,000,000,000	427,381,568

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Critics think Obama lenient towards

The Obama visit to Kenya has significantly validated the Jubilee administration, but it has left the opposition weakened and in considerable disarray, as a result of what has been interpreted as a public rebuke from the US president

BY GEORGE KEGORO

Critics of President Barack Obama say he was too soft on the Jubilee administration during his visit to Kenya last week, and that he missed an opportunity to express himself about key governance concerns.

In the week before the Obama visit, two former US ambassadors to Kenya, Johnnie Carson and Mark Bellamy, wrote an opinion article in *The New York Times*, calling on the US president to "tread carefully, but not silently, when addressing fundamental issues of democratic governance" during his Kenyan trip, observing that "Kenyans will want to hear his views — an appeal he must answer."

The issues on which the diplomats wanted Obama to address included weak leadership and poor coordination that is undermining responses to the threat of terrorism, and the "farfetched" rhetoric that the US is undermining or even trying to overthrow President Uhuru Kenyatta "by financing non-governmental organisations."

While his address at Kasarani contained tough lines, these were not particularly aimed at the Jubilee government. Further, Obama declared that "the election two years ago was competitive and largely peaceful" thus giving a much-craved recognition to what in some quarters is a contested electoral victory.

Although he never once explicitly praised Jubilee, he heaped massive praise on the people of Kenya, without making a distinction between them and their government, thus giving Jubilee the opportunity to appropriate the praise for itself.

In the buildup to the Obama visit, a group of local civil society actors discussed with the US Ambassador Robert Godec what to expect during the visit and made a request that a meeting between the US president and local human rights defenders was desirable as it would send the right signal to the Jubilee government regarding concerns about the closing of civic space.

While, during his visit, the US president held a session with civil society groups, the nature of the meeting was not conducive for the kind of interaction that the actors had wished for. To begin with, while they had hoped for a private meeting, where a candid exchange of views could take

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What observers think of visit

Obama missed opportunity to express himself about key governance concerns

The nature of the meeting with the civil society was not conducive for the kind of interaction that the actors had wished for.

Questions about reparations for the victims of the violence, never came up.

Obama gave insufficient time to the Opposition and also publicly divulged the nature of their discussions which embarrassed them

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place, Obama chose a public meeting, whose proceedings were televised.

Secondly, the large number of people invited to the meeting militated against a meaningful exchange of views. Thirdly, the disparate nature of those invited to the meeting, from schoolgirls to conservationists, from national-level human rights defenders to grassroots organisers, meant that it was going to be a struggle to find common ground.

In the end, common ground was established by US officials themselves, who had pre-selected a number of people who were to kick off the conversation on three themes they said the president was interested in. These were wildlife conservation, girl-child education and countering violent extremism. By the time the president responded to issues raised by those selected to speak, the one



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US leader Barack Obama bids farewell to President Kenyatta before boarding Air Force One at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport last Sunday.

hour allocated for the meeting was over.

A number of national-level human rights defenders, unhappy with what they saw as a highly choreographed meeting, stayed away from the meeting, which meant that the presidential meeting took place in the absence of some of the people that face the greatest risks as a result of the closing of civic space.

Choreographed meeting

Despite a recent ban on the two organisations, Muslims for Human Rights and Haki Africa, accused of involvement in corruption, their

representatives were invited to and attended the meeting.

This was widely seen as a censure by the US government of their classification as terrorist organisations. While countering violent extremism was one of the topics Obama tackled, it was odd that neither of these two was given the opportunity to speak for themselves and that, instead, other people had been pre-selected to raise concerns about the banning of the two organisations.

Several human rights defenders felt that, rather than facilitate their president to have meaningful dialogue with Kenyan civil society,

Obama's handlers were pre-occupied with ensuring that people the Kenya government regards as controversial had no chance to speak to the US president.

Selecting safe subjects for discussion and also safe speakers to raise issues on those topics, was seen as key to ensuring that meeting remained within the scope of what was tolerable by them.

It is remarkable that questions about accountability for the post-election violence did not feature during the Obama visit. While the case against President Kenyatta has since been terminated, the one against his deputy, William

State scores big with the church over gay and lesbians debate



Bishop Cornelius Korir of Eldoret Diocese.

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In what they see as major score during US leader Barack Obama's visit, top church officials have thrown their weight behind President Uhuru Kenyatta's defiant stand on gay marriages.

During a televised press briefing at State House last Saturday with American President Barack Obama, President

Kenyatta was adamant that gay rights was a "non-issue" for Kenya.

This was after President Obama advocated for the dignity of all regardless of their sexual orientation.

"It is very difficult to impose on people that which they themselves do not accept. The issue of gay rights is really a non-issue," President Kenyatta said to what would later be an outpouring support from the

clergy who described the response as "God's victory."

In Eldoret, Catholic Bishop Cornelius Korir said though they respected President Obama's views, President Kenyatta's action was commendable and deserved praise.

This support for Mr Kenyatta came just three weeks after Deputy President William Ruto used the pulpit at Ziwayi AIC Church to tell off President

Obama over the issue, saying Kenya was "a God-fearing nation."

"The President made us proud. His firm stand shows the State is determined to respect our Constitution and culture as Africans," said Kakamega Diocese Bishop Joseph Obanyi.

The Muslim community as well many other Kenyans also praised the government stand on the gay issue.

domestic affairs, even after he leaves office

government



Kenya has significantly validated the Jubilee administration, it has left the opposition weakened and in considerable disarray, as a result of what has been interpreted as a public rebuke from the US president.

Questions have been raised as to why Obama chose such a soft approach towards Jubilee and what its long-term implications might be for the internal governance of the country. An explanation offered by sections of the media is that Obama feared that open criticism of Jubilee would further drive the country towards the East where it famously announced it was looking when it took power in 2013.

Validate Jubilee

However, this does not seem to be a genuine fear because, as seen by the awe that Obama struck in his host, Uhuru Kenyatta, Jubilee craves the kind of validation that only the US can provide.

A more likely explanation for Obama's soft approach is linked to the reason for his visit. As he explained himself, the US president visited Kenya to fulfil a promise that he would do so before the end of his term in office. Obama had to keep his promise, first because of the special connection he has with the country as the land of his ancestors, and, secondly, because he must have felt that a "homecoming" during his presidency was an inexorable duty.

Since he had to come to Kenya, a plausible reason had to be found.

However, concerns in his country about the security risk of such a visit and also about Jubilee's growing reputation as a repressive regime, were two arguments against the trip.

Security was beefed up to address the first concern and the US administration played down the concerns about Kenya's human rights record as a means of addressing the second issue. Staging the Global Enterprise Summit in Kenya became the excuse rather than the reason for the visit, whose true reason was the promise he had made to visit.

Given the extremely tenuous foundation on which his visit was built, Obama was forced to be nice to Jubilee, knowing that the risk of a Jubilee backlash if he was more critical, combined with concerns in his country about the visit, would be two big risks that he could not face at the same time.

The long term possibilities of Obama's lenient approach will be interesting. First, in the short time that it has been in power, Jubilee had erected the West as the bogeyman working with local NGOs to frustrate all the good things the regime is trying to do. Obama's visit now shatters the accusation and Jubilee may have to find someone else to blame, if the need arises.

Second, Obama's visit has considerably increased his already very high public appeal in Kenya, and by not playing all his cards on this visit, Obama has significantly increased his leverage over Kenyan politics, in a manner that will guarantee him a role in the country's domestic affairs, even after he leaves office.

Ruto, lingers on.

Before the visit, it was unclear if Obama would meet with Ruto in view of the charges he faces, and the prior policy of the diplomatic community that only "essential contact" would be maintained with the Kenyan leadership as long as they had charges before the ICC. In the end, Ruto and members of his family, all visibly nervous, met with the president and, although he showed little warmth to the Deputy President, the very meeting with Obama serves his cause.

Outstanding questions

A second aspect of the accountability process, the outstanding questions about reparations for the victims of the violence, never came up during the Obama visit either. While it may have been an awkward subject for Obama to raise questions about how accountability before the ICC has been managed, it was expected that a recognition by the US president, of the victims would go a long way towards underscoring their plight and enhancing the possibility of reparations.

Whereas President Obama's approach with the Jubilee government is seen as having been too soft, there has been criticism that he gave insufficient time to the Opposition and also publicly divulged the nature of their discussions, which greatly embarrassed them.

Critics of the Obama visit now point out that while his coming to

Analysts: President's visit strong on symbolism, short on substance



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African leaders at a multilateral meeting on South Sudan convened by US President Barack Obama in Ethiopia last week.

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Analysts in Washington are giving President Obama's visit to East Africa generally positive reviews, although none are suggesting it will produce major policy changes for either the US, Kenya or Ethiopia.

Most commentators see the symbolic aspects of the trip as both primary and powerful. Witney Schneidman, a former African affairs official at the State Department, says, for example, that Mr Obama's reference to himself as the first Kenyan-American president "created a bond that redefines the relationship between the two countries". US presidential visits to other countries are almost always big on pomp and circumstance, with little policy content, observes Richard Downie, deputy director of the Africa programme at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies. "That was true of this visit," he says. Mr Downie adds, however, that Mr Obama "spoke with his usual eloquence" and appeared to impress the audience at the African Union.

The US president's ancestral connection with Africa enabled him to speak more forcefully and perhaps more persuasively on human rights and corruption than would have been possible for a US head of state not of African descent, Mr Downie adds. The success of the trip should be gauged by how Africans viewed it, says William Bellamy, a former US ambassador to Kenya. "And they seem to have viewed it positively," he notes.

Steve McDonald, an Africa scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Centre, adds, "The feedback from every Kenyan I know has been positive."

The strongest impact of the visit was probably on civil society activists rather than on state authorities, Ambassador Bellamy suggests.

"I don't expect it will lead to a sudden change of behaviour on the part of Kenyan government officials," he says, "but it will serve to reinforce the efforts of Kenyans who are demanding accountability and transparency."

Mr McDonald agrees, suggesting that the president's endorsement of civil society organisations "gives them cover and emboldens them, not just in Kenya but in other Afri-

can countries as well".

Bronwyn Bruton, deputy head of Africa unit at the Washington-based Atlantic Council, offers a much more critical perspective on Mr Obama's visit. She says the president's focus on women's rights and his defence of gay rights "played well with his liberal base in the US," but did not pose any meaningful challenges to his hosts.

The inclusion of the gay rights element on Mr Obama's human rights agenda gave African leaders an opening to signal to their constituents that the entire US message on these issues is "out of bounds," she says.

Espousing the cause of women's rights does not generate much controversy in Africa, Ms Bruton adds. It is generally accepted, at least on a rhetorical level, that women should be treated equally, she notes, suggesting, "Women do not represent the linchpin of repression in Africa."

In Kenya and Ethiopia, it is government mistreatment of the Muslim population that stands at the core of human rights concerns, Ms Bruton says. It was "disappointing" that Mr Obama chose to deliver a speech at Kasarani Stadium that did not include explicit condemnation of Operation Usalama Watch, she remarks. Hundreds of Somali Kenyans were rounded up and detained in the stadium in April 2014 following terrorist attacks in Nairobi and Mombasa.

"The mistreatment of Muslims in Kenya and Ethiopia goes right to the heart of al-Shabaab's recruitment," Ms Bruton says.

Overall, she finds, the president's visit served as "a reinforcement of the status quo" in Kenya and Ethiopia.

Mr McDonald, on the other hand, comments that "Obama talked about all the right things - corruption, human rights and governance, especially the issue of third terms

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The Obama visit offered no indications of major changes in US policy toward Kenya, Ethiopia or Africa in general"

Mr McDonald, Africa scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Centre

for African presidents." Ambassador Bellamy takes the same view, saying of Mr Obama, "He hit all his targets". The visit may also be seen as potentially beneficial to Kenya's economy, with its highlighting of the country's entrepreneurs and its implied message that Kenya may be a safe destination for tourists, Mr Downie suggests. He says the president's stay "did give Kenya 48 hours of positive global media attention".

And it may encourage the international media to look beyond "Shabaab, corruption and safaris" in their future coverage of Kenya, he speculates.

The first-ever visits to Kenya and Ethiopia by an incumbent US head of state also signaled a new commitment to high-level engagement in Africa, former State Department official Schneidman observes. "It showed the US is going to engage with countries we may have significant disagreements with, and not just the safe-bet countries, like Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Ghana" where Mr Obama had earlier traveled, Mr Schneidman points out.

But the key question, Mr Downie adds, is whether this degree of engagement with Africa will continue. It may well — and perhaps while Mr Obama is still in the White House, Mr Schneidman says. "I wouldn't assume that this was his last visit to Africa as president. Remember that Bill Clinton went to Nigeria in the August just before the 2000 election," Mr Schneidman notes, adding that President Bush the elder traveled to Somalia a few weeks after he had lost the 1992 election.

The Obama visit offered no indications of major changes in US policy toward Kenya, Ethiopia or Africa in general, Mr McDonald says. Describing himself as "cynical about the Obama administration's handling of Africa," Mr McDonald says nothing that occurred during the president's time in Kenya and Ethiopia caused him to revise that assessment.

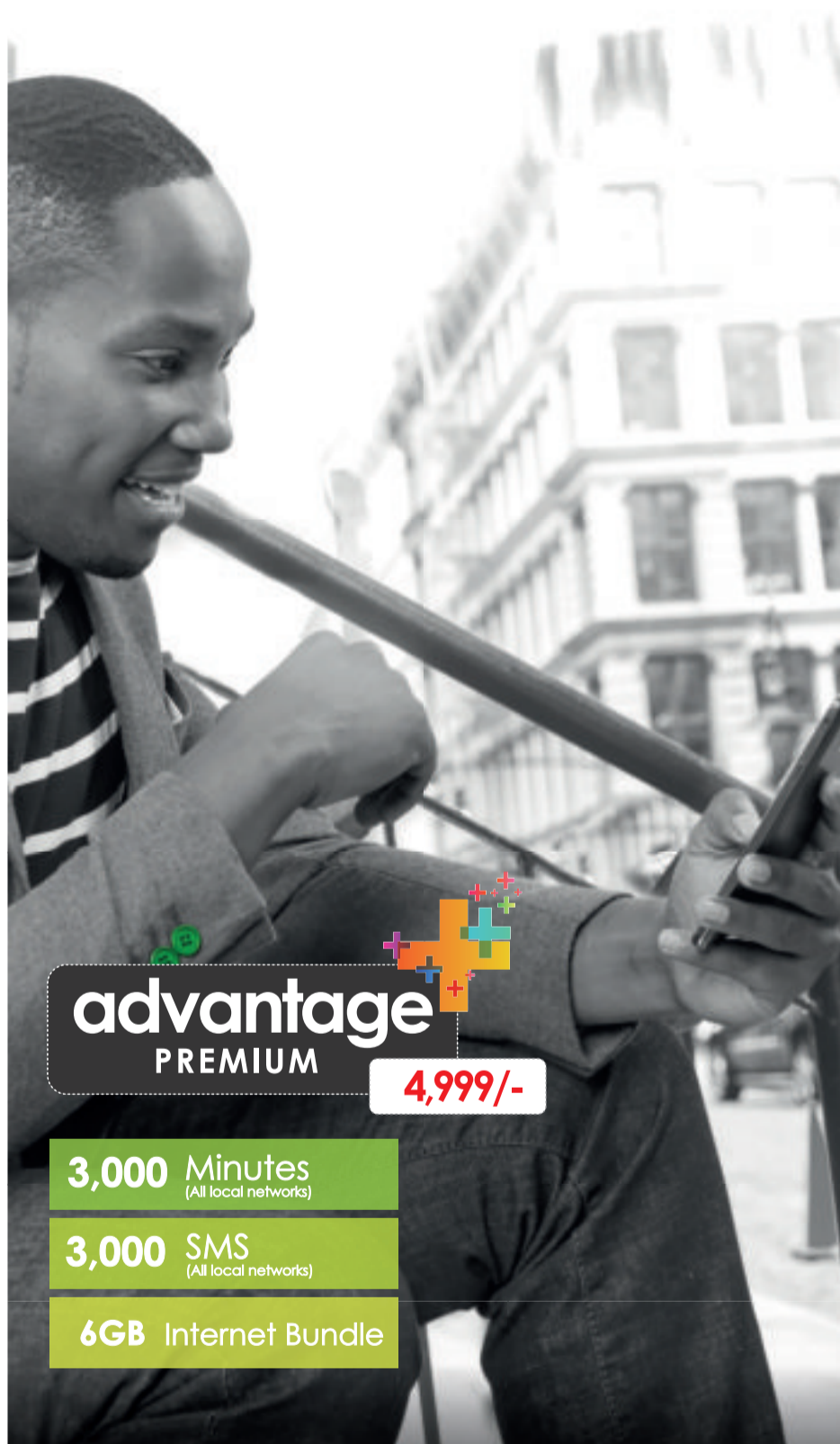
The speech to the African Union was belated, in Mr McDonald's estimation. "He should have done that in his first term," the Woodrow Wilson Centre scholar opines.

Mr Downie takes a similar view, saying, "It seems to me the US is still playing at the margins in Africa." Despite all the talk about economic progress in Africa, "US businesses largely remain on the sidelines there," he says.

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UNREST | Long-running tussle has led to closure of institutions

Engineers caution
varsities on courses

Students at Technical University of Mombasa head home after the campus was closed due to unrest over accreditation of engineering courses.

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The professional body that issues practising certificates to engineers has accused some universities of not being forthright on their accreditation status.

This comes as two affected institutions sent their students home over campus unrest following long-running tussles between the universities and the Engineers Board of Kenya since last year.

The Technical University of Kenya and Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology temporarily asked their engineering students to leave the institutions last week after they disrupted learning and destroyed property. A similar push last year led to widespread protests in affected universities.

Masinde and Kenyatta universities have in recent weeks clarified that some of their courses had been accredited last month. Masinde said it had been accredited on July 16 to offer mechanical and industrial engineering, and

electrical and communications engineering. Kenyatta University said it had been accredited on July 8 to offer degrees in mechanical, civil and electrical engineering.

But the engineers board said the process in the affected institutions was ongoing and only Dedan Kimathi University of Science and Technology had its courses approved.

Universities cited in the professional body's notice as offering courses that were not accredited included Technical University of Kenya, Multimedia University, Technical University of Mombasa, University of Eldoret and Machakos University.

"We are the only body that can make the announcement that the courses of a particular university have been accredited or approved," said Ms Pauline Mwarabu, EBK's spokesperson.

She added: "Others keep on saying they have applied to us or their courses have been approved by the Commission for University Education but the mandates of these two bodies are different.

Apart from Kenyatta University, most institutions affected by the row are colleges that were in recent years elevated to fully fledged universities.

Most of them inherited courses from their parent institutions.

"Our electrical and electronic engineering degree was approved by our mother institution, the University of Nairobi. Before the formation of board in 2011, Technical University of Kenya had, in 2009, submitted it for approval to its predecessor, Engineers Registration Board" said Mr Francis Aduol, Vice Chancellor of Technical University of Kenya.

He added that the university had all its syllabuses approved before it could get a charter. "In 2013, we submitted our courses for accreditation.

His counterpart, Mr Fredrick Otieno, the Masinde Vice Chancellor, had similar complaints. "Masinde inherited civil and structural engineering, production engineering, electrical, and communications engineering courses from Moi University," he said.

Ministry wades into college row

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The Ministry of Education has waded into the controversy surrounding the placement of 2,285 students to Kenya medical training college by Kenya Universities and colleges Placement Service.

Cabinet Secretary Jacob Kaimenyi has now invited Attorney General Githu Muigai and other stakeholders to an engagement workshop on Wednesday at the Kenya Bankers Sacco centre for a possible solution.

"The agenda will be to discuss the matter of placement of government sponsored

students to technical and vocational colleges in general and to Kenya medical training college in particular," said Prof Kaimenyi.

Others invited to attend include Parliamentary Committees, KMTC board and management, Vice chancellors among others.

However, on Thursday Parliamentary Committee on Health, chaired by Dr Rachel Nyamai, sided with the management of KMTC on its rejection of the KUCCPS students.

Dr Nyamai said KMTC recruitment was the best since it had regional representation as compared to Kenya Univer-

sities and colleges Placement Service. The college has already admitted about 3,000 students after carrying out its own recruitment and students are set to report in September.

At the centre of all the wrangle is millions of shillings generated by colleges and universities as application fee.

In an instance where a college receives about 20,000 applications, with a non-refundable application fee of about 2,000 it would make 40 million.

Politicians and senior government officers also use the opportunity to place students of their choice in the college.

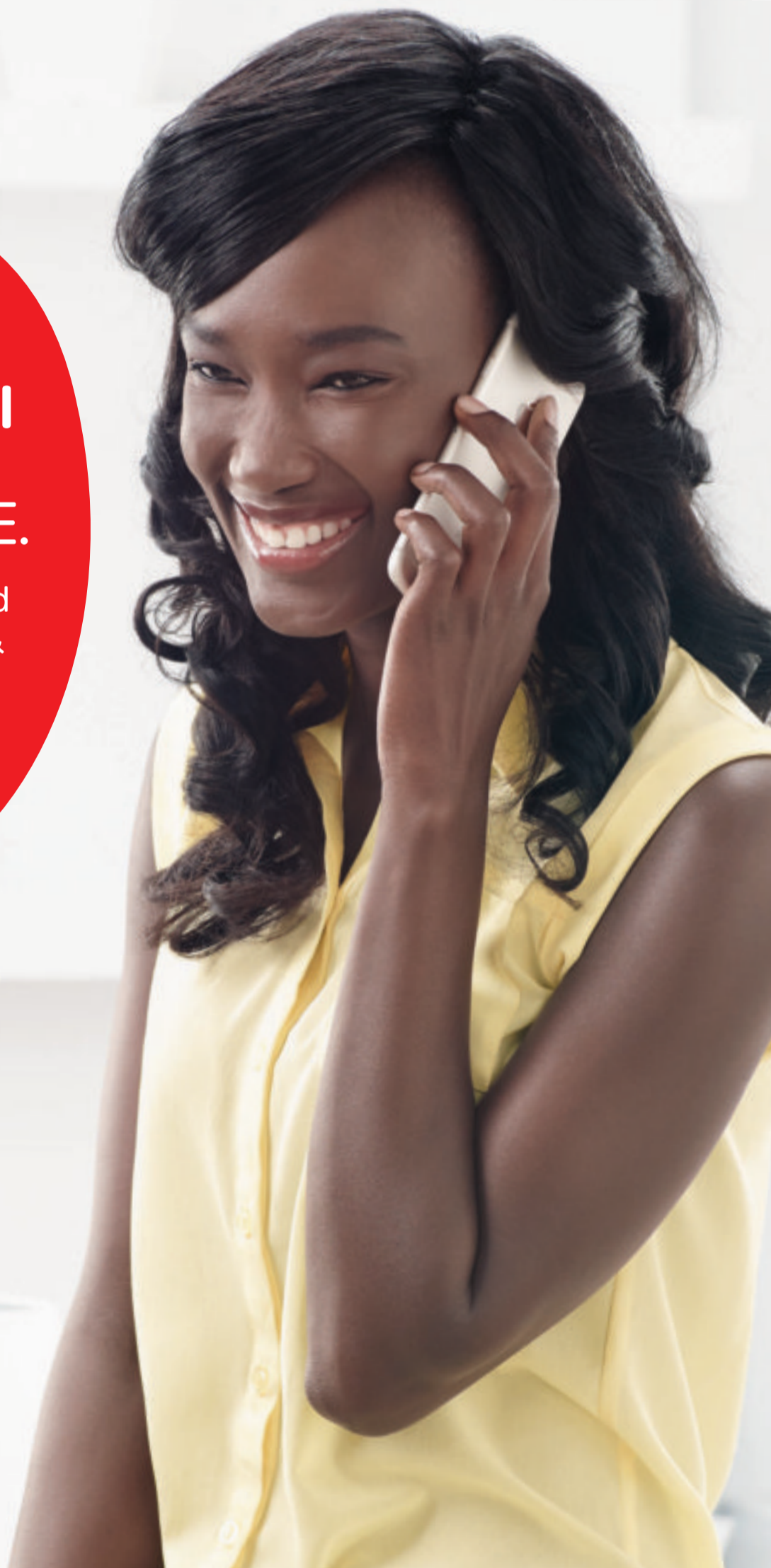


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DEFAMATION SUIT | Governor filed case against senator who has accused him of mismanaging firm

Khalwale: Kidero pocketed Sh650m

Senator is relying on a sale agreement to proof governor played role in downfall of Mumias

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The controversy surrounding the troubled Mumias Sugar Company continues after a court heard that more than Sh500 million may not have been remitted to the miller's bank account.

Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale is relying on a sale agreement said to have been entered between the miller and a wholesaler, to justify his assertion that Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero, a former Mumias managing director, played a role that led to the company's financial woes.

The defamation case against the senator was filed by Dr Kidero who is aggrieved by remarks he claims Dr Khalwale made during a presidential function in Mumias.

President Uhuru Kenyatta toured western region in June and presented a Sh1 billion bailout cheque to help revive the company.

Senator Khalwale claims in court papers that on April 23, 2012, Dr Kidero, who was then managing director, received Sh650 million in cash on behalf of the company from YH Wholesalers for the sale of 13,450 tonnes of sugar.

BAILOUT

Call to jail looters of firm's property

In June, Treasury gave Mumias Sh1 billion bailout as part of the company's rescue plan that the government, as an anchor shareholder with a 20 per cent stake, promised to give the miller to facilitate its revival.

While presenting the cheque, President Kenyatta urged EACC and the DPP office to urgently investigate the funds misuse, which has left Mumias in financial distress.

"The said money was never deposited in the Mumias Sugar Company account nor an account of the amount given by Dr Kidero," said Dr Khalwale.

Further, the Kakamega senator alleges that Dr Kidero authorised payments totalling Sh900,000 in July to December 2008 in the name of Mr Abdul Mwasera, the then Western Provincial Commissioner, a senior official in the Deputy President's office for security services to Mumias that were allegedly never rendered.

"If at all any services were rendered by the security personnel of the office of the Provincial



Kakamega Senator Boni Khalwale (left) and Mumias East MP Benjamin Jomo Washtali at Milimani Law Courts, Nairobi, this month during the hearing of the defamation case

Commissioner, Dr Kidero should have paid the monies for services rendered directly to the Ministry of Internal Security," explained Dr Khalwale.

However, Dr Kidero said that at no time has Mumias Sugar accused him of not remitting proceeds of sale of sugar.

"In fact, it was not even tenable for a managing director to be paid directly by a supplier for services rendered to the company, as Mumias has always had structures including a finance di-

rector accountable for proceeds of sale of the company products," Dr Kidero said.

In 2008, Mumias hired the services of police officers to assist in warding off cane poachers in its sugar zone.

"The procurement of security services of the police officers was necessary to guarantee availability of cane to Mumias Sugar and to prevent loss of cane developed by the company," Dr Kidero said. The hearing is on September 3.

Over 1.3m candidates to sit exams

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More than 1.3 million candidates will sit national examinations at the end of the year, the Kenya National Examinations Council has said.

Chief executive Joseph Kivilu said more than 800,000 candidates have been registered for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education examination while more 500,000 will sit the Kenya Certificate of secondary Education examination.

Last year 889,107 candidates sat the primary examination while to 485,547 candidates sat the secondary one.

This year the government paid Sh2.7 billion examination registration fee for candidates.

Friday was the final day for candidates to make corrections to their examinations' registration forms in which one was required to pay Sh3,000 to change subjects and Sh500 for other changes including changing their names.

The council has been criticised for charging students for making the amendments.

But the council has defended the decision, with Dr Kivilu saying the charges are aimed at discouraging school heads from making major changes and corrections on examination forms.

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The historic visit to Kenya of US President Barack Obama was not only emotional but timely and with great lessons that the Government, Corporate Institutions and Individuals can learn from. His impassioned speeches on Saturday, 25th and Sunday, 26th July 2015 squarely endorsed support for Women and the Youths.

He keenly noted that women are Powerhouse Entrepreneurs who when they succeed, drive the economic growth and invest back into their families and communities. This was a great endorsement to Institutions that focus on women and it is a clear indication that KWFT being the ONLY Women Serving Bank in Kenya is headed in the right direction with its **Mission of 'To Partner with Women in their**

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WEEKEND BLAST | The greatest casualties were passers-by

Somalia region leader 'with 9 lives like a cat'



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A damaged car near the bombed-out Jazeera Palace Hotel in Mogadishu last weekend. Somali government official Ali Khalif Galaydh survived the attack in which 13 people died.

Review Shabaab war, says 'President' who survived Westgate, Mogadishu attacks on Obama D-day

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On the day US President Barack Obama was addressing Kenyans at Nairobi's Kasarani Stadium Indoor Arena to mark the end of an historic visit to his father's homeland, Somali government official Ali Khalif Galaydh was in Jazeera Palace Hotel in Mogadishu.

Suddenly, the peace and quiet of the hotel near the airport that is popular with foreign diplomats, Somali government officials and sundry businessmen was shattered by a huge explosion that killed at least 13 people and injured many others.

Dr Galaydh, a Somali regional administrator, survived the attack by Al-Shabaab terrorists and lived to tell his story. He relived a similar script on September 21, 2013, when he escaped a terror attack at Nairobi's Westgate Mall that left at least 67 people dead.

The former Somali Prime Minister attributes his two miraculous escapes to "luck from God" and survival instincts of a cat.

"I am an extremely lucky man. I think I have nine lives and I have the benefit of surviving until the ninth," he told the *Sunday Nation* on the phone from Mogadishu on Friday.

Dr Galaydh, 74, who is also a former MP of the Federal Parliament of Somalia and currently heads the administration of the northern Somali region of Khatumo that some consider autonomous, had been staying at the hotel for the past one month and was due to leave.

In the hotel attack, Kenya's ambassador to Somalia, Mr Lucas Tumbo, who was appointed in March, and a

number of his staff survived. A Chinese diplomat was killed.

On the fateful day, Dr Galaydh was scheduled to meet friends at the hotel lobby. The meeting did not happen.

"All of a sudden there was this massive explosion from the rooms overlooking the road and the airport. I fell to the ground. Then I realised one of the boulders had hit my leg and landed on my chest," he said. He stayed still for about five minutes. "I was bleeding on my right elbow and my left arm. I knew it was nothing serious because I didn't have any broken bone," he said.

The former premier realised the magnitude of the attack when he went down to the reception. A small refrigerator where he had kept his medicine had been split into pieces and some of the hotel rooms had collapsed.

"It was a close call but I

thank God. Many people in the hotel survived with injuries. The greatest casualties were those passing by in the streets," he said.

The hotel explosion brought back memories of the Westgate siege ... and puzzling similarities. In 2013, Dr Galaydh, who had just returned after serving in the US as an academic, had been living for a month at an apartment in Nairobi's Westlands. He had left to meet two friends at Artcaffe in Westgate at 10 am.

One of the friends was a Somali politician. The other was a Burundian diplomat attached to the African Union Mission (Amisom). They were to meet from 10 in the morning.

"We were having a late breakfast but, moments later, perhaps a few minutes to noon, I heard an explosion. I think some grenades were being thrown at people. I had my back to the wall and my two colleagues had been sitting on the other side of the table. Then I realised everyone was gone and I could only see their phones on the table," he says.

Amid the chaos and realising he was the only one sitting, he hid under the table. With gunshots and explosions all over the building, he ran to a washroom where he found many other people hiding.

Amid the confusion, he saw an exit which he took.

He would later learn that his Somali colleague was slightly injured and the Burundian was rescued from the mall nine hours later.

The two attacks seem to have influenced his thinking about how to handle the Somali militants. "I don't agree with what Al-Shabaab are doing — killing people indiscriminately. But for the Somali government and others in the region, it is one thing to fight to eliminate Al-Shabaab. But it may also be good to engage with them. Some of them may be willing to talk," he said.

He believes there should be no rigid position as long as the route being pursued brings peace and stability to Somalia and the region.

BACKGROUND

Galaydh has lots of luck and accolades



- Born on October 14, 1941 in northern Somalia.
- Fluent in Somali, English and Arabic.
- Has a PhD in public policy from Syracuse University, NY.
- Managed Jowhar Sugar Enterprises and later served as minister for Industry.
- Was a fellow at the Centre for International Affairs and, later, the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, both at Harvard University.
- Was a professor at Maxwell School, Syracuse University.
- Former Prime Minister of Somalia, and was in 2012 nominated a member of Somali Federal Parliament.
- Last November, he became President of a new autonomous region, Khatumo state.

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THE WEEK THAT WAS | Kwendo Opanga

Only a fool will ignore Trump in American race



Gutsy:
The super wealthy Republican says what he wants and what many ordinary Americans care about

I trace my interest in US presidential elections to 1972. I was in primary school and in those days kids belonged strictly to goats, not humans! For some reason, I was drawn to Democratic challenger George McGovern and not Republican incumbent Richard Nixon.

I heard the results one morning on Uncle Reuben's radio. As I walked, barefoot, of course, to school, I was itching to let my classmates know it. I wrote out the news on the blackboard. When the Maths teacher walked in, he swiftly caned me for impersonating a teacher.

Four things stand out from these two paragraphs. One, I grew up to be a teacher and journalist. Two, my politics remains left of centre and, three, my consumption of local and global news and politics remains voracious. Last, this newspaper is a global blackboard.

But, I have never found much time for Republican primaries until now. Yes, that's because of a guy called Donald Trump. I like him. He says what he wants to say and does not care how he says it! He has money by the shipload and tells you loudly that "I am really rich!"

He is not a politician and boasts no political skills, but he is not going to be tutored - at least not now - to be politically correct and say the right things when to say them; smile

when it is right; or, commission opinion polls to know what the people should be told. He wants to set the agenda for the people.

Trump wants to be hired as President so he is telling Americans that their political leaders are dummies, incompetents and stupid. He is laying into Republican rivals with a bluntness they have never known and they are cringing as the contest becomes all about Trump!

Trump is voicing issues ordinary Americans care about, but political correctness tells their leaders to talk about them only in certain sanitised ways. He is saying illegal immigration is bad for America and is calling Mexican immigrants rapists and criminals. Rivals would not

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Trump is voicing issues ordinary Americans care about, but political correctness tells their leaders to talk about them only in sanitised ways. He is saying illegal immigration is bad for America and is calling illegal Mexican immigrants rapists... Rivals won't dare”

dare! Trump is telling Americans the US used to be a great manufacturer, but they have since lost out on manufacturing and jobs to China because their leaders in Washington do not know how to negotiate. "I want to make America great again," he says.

How? See for yourself! Trump is a builder of impressive buildings, businesses and brands. He is a negotiator and deal-maker who keeps an eye on the purse and bottom line. His pitch is simple: the US needs a businessman to reclaim its greatness because politics has failed it! He arrives for meetings in his planes on which his name is emblazoned. He is tall and big as he struts to his stretch limousines. You can't miss the man, his planes or limousines. And he is shaming the media which dismissed him as a clown when he announced his bid.

The *Huffington Post* famously consigned news about him to the entertainment pages! The man is not only topping national opinion polls, but he is also setting the news agenda. When the *Des Moines Register* asked him to withdraw from the race, he hit it very hard:

"The *Des Moines Register* has lost much circulation, advertising and power over the last number of years. They will do anything for a headline, and this poorly written "non-endorsement" got them some

desperately needed ink." That cut and hurt!

Americans love to flaunt name recognition. So Republicans want it known presidential hopeful John Ellis Bush (Jeb) was governor of Florida and his father George H W and brother, George W were 41st and 43rd US presidents respectively. But Trump's non-political name recognition trumps Jeb's.

There are his high-end buildings and hotels in many US cities, Brazil, Canada, India, Panama, Philippines, Uruguay and Turkey and golf courses in the US, Dubai, Scotland and Ireland. There is his mineral water, beauty pageants and, yes, *Apprentice*, the TV show!

Apprentice gave the world the catchphrase: You're fired! It made Trump world-famous as the ruthless businessman who hires only the very best. The offshoot of this is the new campaign rally poster that declares: Trump, you're hired!

So, what can stop Trump's march to the Republican nomination? One of the following: the Grand Old Party (GOP) establishment (wenyewe) which does not trust him; two, a scandal dug up from his past and or, three, Trump utters some scandalous nonsense.

Suffice to say that Trump is running against the GOP establishment, rivals and media!

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MY THOUGHTS |

Dominic Wamugunda

Our politics is that of greed and entitlement



The Obama weekend was one like no other. He certainly took the place by storm. Come to think of it, he did accomplish quite a good bit in just two days. He met and dined with his relatives, participated in the conference that was the excuse for his coming, held bilateral talks with government, addressed Kenyans at Kasarani, met the Opposition and addressed civil society groups at the Young Leaders Centre in Kenyatta University.

The meeting with the leaders of the Opposition is what generated a little mirth. He himself let the cat off the bag when he told the group at KU that he had differed with one those leaders - without mentioning names - on the suggestion that he and the US government push our government on some issues. He amused everyone when he told us that he had pointed out to that leader that when the said leader was in government, his views were different. He thought that the US government ought to mind their own business.

No sooner had Obama left that the opposition leaders came out on the defense. In all this one would have to try and understand the mentality of most of us with regard to the relationship between government and those who are out of government including ordinary citizens.

Government can often seem to be highhanded and probably a little unreasonable. Look at all this talk about corruption in high places. Surely, someone knows something about who is doing what but we have not yet seen any senior government officer jailed. The most critical question is how long we have practiced opposition politics and under what circumstances.

Even though there had been some subversive activities particularly since the 1980s, real formal opposition took root in the 1990s during the Moi regime. At that point everyone including some of the international community was tired with the way things were going. The Americans and others preferred to work through NGOs rather than government. Somehow many of us felt that those foreigners were our good partners in the struggle for good governance. I suspect that it was in this spirit that the said opposition leader asked Obama to intervene.

As I have often argued in this column, I do not think that there is a real marked difference between the various players in "our" political class. By and large they are all the same and they look at issues with the same lenses whether they are in or out of government. Ours is a political culture of the worship of big money and the cult of following individual tribal chiefs and not one of philosophical ideas and the good of all.

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OPINION | Jamleck Kamau

We should go beyond destroying toxic alcohol



Root cause:
There is a link between alcoholism and the frustrations that come with joblessness, poverty and lack of meaningful education

When Kabete Member of Parliament Ferdinand Waititu led a group of youths in physically destroying second generation liquor outlets in his constituency, many people were shocked by what appeared to be a wanton act of lawlessness.

But Waititu's action demonstrated the extent of the frustration caused by the problems of reckless alcohol sale and consumption.

Indeed, when President Uhuru Kenyatta threw his weight behind the war on the sale and consumption of such brands of alcohol - widely referred to as second generation liquor - most Kenyans supported him for providing the necessary authority to address this problem that threatens the future of our society.

Clearly, no one with good intentions fails to see that the manufacture, sale and consumption of second generation alcohol, while posting good returns to manufacturers and employees involved in the chain, is in the long run counter-productive to Kenya's best interests.

This is why we all need to join hands in ensuring that

the menace of reckless alcoholism is eradicated.

While clearing the landscape of these second generation spots, we need to confront the real question: Why are the youth burying their dreams and future in alcoholism?

Though there are no simple answers to this question, it is clear that there is a link between alcoholism and the frustrations that come with joblessness, poverty and lack of meaningful education.

This means that any long term strategy meant to eradicate alcoholism should ensure that the youth, who are most vulnerable consumers of these destructive drinks, are given opportunities to examine the worth of the liquor, while equipping them with real options in life.

Following this line, a three-pronged strategy that isolates

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Those still inclined to alcohol consumption are likely to reach for better quality brands”

and targets these major causes should be adopted.

Certainly the Jubilee Government has begun addressing the first concern - joblessness - through its expanded National Youth Service programmes that are already yielding fruit of better roads and other physical infrastructure where NYS teams have been posted.

We need to find ways of expanding the NYS programmes to ensure that, alongside devolution, the quick gains of these young Kenyans' labour are experienced across the country. The NYS initiative should not, however, be considered as the silver bullet. We need to provide opportunities for youth who do not acquire university education, for whatever reason, to benefit from post-secondary education that will make them open-minded and employable.

As it is, our national educational practices seem to be geared towards the dangerous path of university education or nothing for many, which is causing a lot of frustration and despair among many of our youth, some of whom take the easy but destructive path of alcoholism. If the youth

are kept away from alcohol while being equipped with higher education or vocational training, they will have a fair chance at fighting poverty and be on the path to realising their dreams.

The Jubilee administration is on the right track, having come up with policies which enable the youth to get involved in government tenders.

Measures are also being put in place to ensure the youth are helped not just to see opportunities for self-advancement, but also facilitated to ensure that the opportunities are followed up and translated into real gains. As a society, we need to ensure that special interest groups within the youth are recognised and given tailored initiatives.

This way, we will soon see the benefits of a sober, youthful population. With this and other steps in place, even those among them who are inclined towards alcohol consumption are likely to reach for the better quality brands that pose less risks to them in terms of body degeneration.

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OPINION | George Kegoro

Task force report on public benefits law should be dropped



Lazy:

The report does not have even one sentence discussing or making findings on the various issues that fell under its resolution

It took me 20 minutes to read the report of the much-publicised Task Force on the Public Benefits Organisations Act that Cabinet Secretary Anne Waiguru set up at the beginning of the year.

Chaired by Sophia Noor Abdi, a former Member of Parliament, involved in the development of the original law passed in 2013, the task force was established to evaluate the amendments to the Act, which Jubilee attempted last year and then withdrew after objections in the National Assembly. Those who thought the task force was a face-saving exit are wrong because the task force suggests new proposals.

The report is 39 pages, 28 of which are devoted to describing the types of “public participation” included trips to 10 towns countrywide where at least 1,000 people attended meetings of the task force.

The information about public participation is presented in graphs and pie charts, and also in prose. It is as though the only burden that the task force had to discharge was to demonstrate public participation and nothing else. The report then devotes nine pages for a bullet-point summary of the views received about the various issues. A list of 10 such issues is provided and includes amendment, registration, regulation,

accountability, national security, and enabling environment. Others are monitoring (listed twice) and capacity building. What follows is a listing, rather than a discussion, of the views expressed by the public. The authors suggest the insertion of a table but then forgot to include one, an indication of the casualness of the report.

The report suddenly plunges into “recommendations.” These are listed, rather than discussed, in three-quarters of a page and include a recommendation that a definition for a PBO should be provided, a recommendation that PBOs be registered under one legal regime, “bearing in mind that such harmonisation requires broader consideration as it has implications on other legislation.”

There are further recommendations, including that appointments to the Authority should be subject to the Public Corporations Act, the Authority be empowered “to effectively discharge its mandate and enhance public information disclosure by PBOs for public accountability through appropriate rules and regulations.” Another recommendation requires transparency, accountability and monitoring of donors, stakeholders and beneficiaries, specifically on sources of funds.

There is a recommendation that “a percentage of donations received by PBOs be given to the Authority to ensure sufficient regulation.” The report recommends that “national interests” and “national security” be addressed during registration and after the registration of PBOs.

This is the only recommendation that comes with a short elaboration that PBOs must uphold security, cultural and religious values of Kenyans and must not be involved in the promotion of the interests of other states or in the recruitment, training or incitement of persons to carry out terrorist activities. Finally, the report recommended that a representative of the ministry in charge of national security should have a seat on the Authority.

What should be made of this report?

A report of this nature would usually contain the facts and evidence gathered and an assessment with clearly supported findings. This report



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does not have even one sentence discussing or making findings on the various issues that fell under its resolution. Instead, after bulleting the views received from the public, it plunges straight into recommendations, making it difficult to understand the basis of those recommendations.

One of the recommendations is that “a percentage of donations received by PBOs be given to the Authority to ensure sufficient regulation.” This percentage is not identified and could be a very large sum of money. This model regulatory financing for PBOs is novel and has never been suggested before.

Unfortunately, no data supports the recommendation, and without a rationale being articulated, it is difficult to argue with the recommendation.

Another significant recommendation concerns the proposal for harmonised registration. What this means is that certain forms of registration will be abolished and will be required to transition into the form of registration called the PBO. However, these are not identified in the report, making it difficult to have a useful engagement with the recommendation. Further, the suggested definition of PBO is not discussed, beyond a remark that “the PBO Act does not

provide a concrete definition of what is a PBO; such a definition is important.”

The task force, therefore, leaves unresolved all the issues in this debate which are what is to be deemed as PBOs, what regulatory mechanism makes sense over them and how this is to be implemented.

The report, which was supposed to be an authoritative document to guide policy, is lazy and reads like the private notes of an individual rather than a public document issued by the government. It lacks intellectual rigour and CS Waiguru has been conned.

The little it says is no more than a regurgitation of reactionary lines like the need to control NGOs so that these do not spread terrorism. Before this, Ms Abdi was a respected leader. She has done her reputation immeasurable damage by putting her name to this woeful report.

As for Ms Waiguru herself, the position of strength that she enjoyed when she started the crusade to control NGOs has been weakened by the recent allegations of corruption touching on her ministry. This would not be a good time for her to push forward the ideas contained in the task force report, which she must drop.

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OPINION | Peter Kagwanja

End of US ‘opposition strategy’ and future of power in Kenya



Three-point message:

Obama passed a three-point message that has irreversibly changed the axis of politics in Kenya and changed the fortunes of the opposition ahead of 2017

Two years ago, this column cited the influential American broadcast journalist, Edward E. Murrow, who once forcefully argued that “When the loyal opposition dies ... the soul of (the nation) dies with it” (SN, September 21, 2013).

The visit of US President Barack Obama last week sounded the death knell for rogue opposition politics, and is likely to usher in a new era of loyal opposition and constructive engagement with the government.

Although Kenya’s 2010 Republican constitution anticipates a two-party state anchored on the doctrine of Parliament as the repository of the sovereign will of the people, deepening democracy is a shared responsibility between the government and the opposition.

Sadly, consolidating a viable opposition as a pivot of democracy is Kenya’s unfinished agenda.

Even after the opposition swept to power in 2002, a weak opposition and intra-elite power tussles within Narc gave rise to a frightful “mongrel opposition” that was half-government and half-opposition.

Finally, the 2008 National Accord and Reconciliation Act and the subsequent power-sharing arrangement wiped out the opposition, turning the Raila Odinga-led ODM into a jun-

ior partner in President Mwai Kibaki’s Government.

In view of this, the clear victory of the Jubilee coalition on March 4, 2013 carried the promise of the return of a loyal opposition. But this was not to be.

While the victorious Jubilee celebrated “the triumph of democracy”, the defeated Cord declared “democracy on trial” and refused to accept the results even after the Supreme Court affirmed Kenyatta’s victory.

On the basis of this, the opposition has pursued a blistering genre of rogue politics that pushed for regime change along the lines of the Arab Spring take-over of governments through popular protests. This withering politics of protest reached a fever-pitch in the run-up to the opposition’s Saba Saba rally at Uhuru Park on July 7, 2014.

Even though the opposition failed to draw millions of people into the streets of Kenyan cities or to produce the intended CNN-effect, it stepped up the brand of confrontational politics, embarking on a unilateral push for a referendum on a spectrum of issues, effectively polarising the country along personality and ethnic lines.

It is in this context that four opposition leaders — Raila Odinga, Kalonzo Musyoka, Moses Wetang’ula and Martha Karua — presented a memorandum to

President Obama in a meeting held at the VIP waiting lounge of the indoor arena of the Kasarani Sports Centre in Nairobi.

Here, the opposition team called on Washington to press the government on various issues, including corruption, governance, tribalism, rising insecurity, media freedom, implementation of two-third gender rule and electoral reforms, especially of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission.

However, Obama’s reply came as a rude shocker which has left the opposition chiefs licking their wounds.

Obama pointed to the hypocrisy in the opposition leaders’ call on America to intervene in Kenyan affairs.

“It’s funny though that one of the opposition leaders — I won’t mention who — was saying we really need you to press the Kenyan government on some issues”, Obama disclosed while speaking at a forum with civil society.

Obama took a swipe at the hypocrisy of leaders who want



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the US to be very involved when they are not in power but when in power want the superpower “to mind its own business.” “I had to say to him, I remember when you were in government you kept on saying why are you trying to interfere with Kenya’s business? You should mind your own business,” he said.

He passed a three-point message that has irreversibly changed the axis of politics in Kenya and emphatically changed the fortunes of the opposition ahead of 2017.

First, Obama told the opposition bigwigs that Kenya has a democratically elected government with which America will do business.

The 2013 election was free and fair, and bequeathed Kenya with a legally elected and legitimate government under President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Obama reportedly went ahead to admonish the opposition for its lack of patriotism.

“Hoping that your President fails is the same as hoping your country fails, and it’s not patriotism,” he said. “Patriotism is supporting your Commander-in-Chief, even if you don’t agree with him on everything. It’s what will make Kenya great, not complaining every time this nation tries to make progress,” he added.

Second, while warning that corruption was one of the biggest risks facing Kenya’s eco-

nomics potential today, Obama told the opposition that the Government of President Uhuru Kenyatta was serious in fighting corruption and must be supported and its initiatives given time to materialise.

He cautioned against doing politics with anti-corruption and, instead, called for a united front against corruption between the opposition and the government.

Third, while noting that the US was “always going to be listening to all elements of the Kenyan society,” Obama called on the opposition and civil society to engage the government constructively. Instead of calling on the Americans to intervene in Kenya, the opposition should play its role in defending institutions and deepening democracy by engaging the government and holding it to account within the established channels.

Obama’s message has sounded the death knell to the “opposition strategy” that the US and the West have pursued since 2003 in which Raila was supported to ascend to power as a safe pair of hands.

No doubt, Washington’s policy shift — seemingly an endorsement for Kenyatta’s second term — has thrown the opposition’s 2017 plans into disarray.

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County by County

NAKURU: Saw millers set to support tree planting

The Nakuru Saw Millers Association will raise funds for planting trees in areas where logging has taken place. They will pay between Sh10,000 and Sh15,000 an acre to plant trees in newly-harvested areas, according to association chairman Joram Kariuki. Mr Kariuki said this will reintroduce forest cover around the Mau Complex.

– Magdalene Wanja

SAMBURU: Leader demands arrest of youths in assault case

Governor Moses Lenolkulal has called for the arrest of youths who assaulted a chief on grounds that he was tipping security agencies on impending cattle rustling raids. He said this blocked the state’s push to weed out cattle rustling. Mr Lenolkulal said attention would be directed at Amaiya and Pura areas in Samburu Central where several incidents had been reported.

– Johnstone Ket

NAROK: Lodge, KWS in joint wildlife conservation

The Olare Mara Kempinski Lodge and Mara-Meru Cheetah project will promote wildlife conservation in areas neighbouring the Maasai Mara Game Reserve. Lodge manager Fairman Muhingi said this will ensure people benefit from wildlife conservation.

– George Sayagie

ELGEYO MARAKWET: Foundation to build Sh3.2m maternity wing

A newly-built maternity wing in Songeto Rimoi will reduce deaths because women will no longer cover over 19 kilometres to give birth, the Safaricom Foundation has said. A trustee of the foundation, Ms Janice Mwendameru, said the building of the Sh3.2 million maternity at the Songeto Rimoi dispensary was designed to stop the deaths of more than 530 pregnant women in Kenya every month.



VIHIGA: Akaranga to appear before Assembly

Governor Moses Akaranga will this week report to the assembly on the actions he took against two county executives accused of corruption. Speaker Dan Chitwah said the governor’s statement will help the assembly begin investigations on agriculture minister Halima Abdi and chief officer Moses Andagalu. The two are accused of irregularly procuring and supplying subsidised fertilizer worth Sh30 million this year.

– Derick Luvega



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NAIROBI: Boda boda riders at Dagoretti Market who complained of police harassment in the course of their work. One of them, Samuel Njenga (with plastered arm), says he fell and fractured his arm and skull after a police vehicle hit his motor cycle from behind. Others narrated similar experiences, See story on page 31.

HOMA BAY: Leader objects to auditor-general’s report

Majority leader Michael Ooro on Friday denied a report by auditor-general Edward Ouko that reps misused Sh4 million for ward development. Mr Ooro said some of the accusations against the ward leaders were unjustified, adding that Mr Ouko failed to include responses given by members on spending.

– Maurice Kaluoch

LAMU: Timamy praises the killing of Shabaab terrorists

Governor Issa Timamy has praised the national government over Wednesday’s killing of three Al-Shabaab terrorists at Baure. He said the security forces’ repulsion of the attackers was proof that there was tighter surveillance to ensure the terrorists do not find their way into the coastal county.

– Kalume Kazungu

WEST POKOT: Leaders ask State to beef up security

Leaders have called on the government to beef up security along the country’s borders. Kapenguria MP Samuel Moroto said: “Our borders are porous and police officers are taking advantage of the situation to benefit themselves. Anyone can enter the country as long as you have money and this risks national security,” he said.

– Stanley Kimuge

MERU: School closed as students go on the rampage

Ankamia Day Secondary School in Tigania East has been closed indefinitely after students held demos to demand the transfer of the principal. They destroyed property. The students started classes boycott on Thursday saying the principal does not listen to their grievances. Police have been deployed to the school.

– Darlington M.

MACHAKOS: Residents say water canal repair too slow

Yatta residents have demanded an explanation for the slow pace of rehabilitation of the Yatta Canal that was commissioned by Deputy President William Ruto in August 2014. The residents, who live and farm along the 58-kilometre stretch of the canal, claimed the project was progressing very slowly.

– Gastone Valusi

MURANG’A: MP: Apply for IDs to aid Uhuru re-election

Kigumo MP Jamleck Kamau has told his constituents to obtain national IDs to enable President Uhuru Kenyatta secure a second term. Speaking in Kigumo, he urged the youth to apply for national ID cards and register as voters in the coming election. Murang’a residents await the opening of a Huduma Centre in a few weeks.

– Martin Mwaura

NAIROBI: Performance contracts for road builders

Firms maintaining new roads will sign performance contracts. The Kenya National Highways Authority said the contracts would last for two years and contractors would be expected to ensure that roads are in motorable condition throughout that period. Kenha’s acting general manager, Mr George Kiiru, said there would be monthly quality audits.

MARSABIT: Governor says devolved health efficient

Governor Ukur Yattani has defended the devolution of health saying services will be more efficient. Speaking in Moyale yesterday, Mr Yattani said his government would construct a hospital and camps in remote areas at a cost of about Sh150 million to improve health services.

– David Muchui

KIRINYAGA: Police warn motorists over black spot

Police have told motorists to be cautious on the Nyangati blackspot on the Makutano-Kutus road where a crash left two people dead on Friday. Area police boss Titus Yoma said speeding will have fatal consequences. Investigations into cause of a Malikini Mixed Secondary School bus crash had started.

– George Munene

BARINGO: Two arrested over kidnap of student

Two men have been arrested in Kipsaraman, Baringo North sub-county over the kidnap of a college student. Mr Elias Yego and Mr Reuben Kiprop from Lelan in West Pokot, had forced the 23-year-old student into a vehicle with Ugandan number plates, according to Baringo North OCPD Mr Chemonges Ndiema

– Florah Koech

KIAMBU: Transporters form co-operative societies

Transporters have formed over five saccos to curb overloading and adhere to axle load limits. Dricon Transporters Sacco is the latest. Others are Bumasutra, Hitmak, Njokagi and Syokas. Speaking during the unveiling of Dricon on Friday, Mr Isaiah Onsongo called for harsh punishment for those who overload by 10 tonnes.

MARSABIT: Give us IDs, youth urge government

The youth in Dabel location, Moyale sub-county have called on the State to fast-track issuance of identification cards. Speaking during a meeting attended by Governor Yattani and Moyale MP Roba Duba, youth chairman Hassan Godana said more than 300 youths do not have IDs.

– David Muchui

SIAYA: Construction begins for new market this week

The construction of Usenge market by the county government, begins this week. Construction is expected to take three months and will cost Sh4 million. It will house an average of 600 traders. West Yimbo ward rep Willis Ochieng said the new market will have solar streetlights as well as stalls to display traders’ wares.

– Nelcon Odhiambo

KAKAMEGA: County gets second public university

A second public university, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, has started construction of a college in Likuyani sub-county. The county’s education board chairman Prof Laban Ayiro said it would open up the region to new opportunities and offer youth a university education. He said the university will cater for the growing demand of youth seeking higher education.

– Benson Amadala

KERICHO: Bett calls for prices push at tea auction

Former Roads minister Franklin Bett wants the Kenya Tea Development Agency to push for better prices at the Mombasa tea auction. Mr Bett said that the agency must ensure that its brokers at the tea auction get the best prices for farmers. He warned that continued fall in tea prices will send farmers out of business. The agency manages 67 tea factories across the country on behalf of more than 560,000 small-scale tea farmers.

– Timothy Kemei



MOMBASA: Terror suspect to be remanded for seven days

A court has allowed police to hold a terror suspect for seven days for further investigations. Senior Principal Magistrate Richard Odenyo okayed the further detention of Ms Hassan Sarah Hussein after a request by investigating officer Charles Mwai. Ms Hussein is accused of recruiting five men to Al-Shabaab, which she denies. The five were remanded until the mention on Friday.

– Brian Ocharo

NAIROBI: Council launches platform for grain farmers

The Eastern Africa Grain Council has launched the G-Soko Platform that links smallholder farmers to grain buyers. The platform was launched at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nairobi yesterday.

– Antony Kamau

BUSIA | Health minister says parents of wrongly injected minors should sue local administration for compensation

Pay paralysed children or else ... lawyers tell county

Governor says there is money should there be a need to compensate the children

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Legal experts have asked Busia County Government to compensate parents of the 28 children who were paralysed after receiving wrong injections at a public dispensary.

The group termed the paralysis as serious "tort" (a wrongful act, including negligence that results in harm), which will attract heavy compensation.

The children aged between four and 11 are said to have been treated by a nurse at Akichelesit Dispensary in Teso North Sub-county early this year.

Health Cabinet Secretary James Macharia has already declared the scandal a "medical malpractice" and asked the Busia county government to take responsibility.

Busia Governor Sospeter Ojamoong yesterday told *Sunday Nation* that the county government was ready to compensate the parents once the relevant au-

thorities investigate the matter.

"My administration has budgeted for emergency and disaster and is ready to compensate the parents if there is need to do so," Mr Ojaamong said.

Mr Macharia has advised the parents to sue the county government for compensation. And yesterday, lawyers Olago Aluoch who is a member of the National Assembly Legal Affairs Committee, Mr James Mwamu, Wangeci Wahome and Patrick Kang'ethe said the county had the responsibility to ensure that Kenyans who visited its hospitals received credible medicare.

"It is the responsibility of the government to hire competent health workers and ensure health facilities are up to the standards. The victims should be compensated for injuries sustained and future medical expenses in case the children lose their limbs," Mr Mwamu said.

According to Mr Macharia, investigations revealed that the



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Health Cabinet Secretary James Macharia at the Nairobi Hospital with one of the affected children from Busia County.

children who were transferred to Nairobi Hospital on Friday had been injected in the wrong place.

"Our initial investigations point towards medical malpractice from inappropriate injection techniques as the primary cause of partial

paralysis in all the children," Mr Macharia said.

The lawyers spoke even as the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board summoned Busia county health authorities to present a medical negligence report by Friday next week.

The board's chief executive officer Daniel Yumbya said health workers found to have been negligent would be deregistered and their licences revoked.

Mr Olago said: "The law dictates that the employer is responsible for the duty of the employee and therefore to that extent, the county of Busia has the responsibility to compensate the parents, failure to which they can be sued."

On her part, Ms Wahome pointed out that the affected families had a right to access medical services and as such they have an option to sue the state.

"The parents should claim for damages and as such they can go to court and exercise their rights," Ms Wahome said.

Mr Kang'ethe said the parents can sue the county government on grounds of negligence of health care providers and ask for compensation.

"There is a possibility that these children may not be able to walk again. In this case, the parents may seek special damages," Mr Kang'ethe said.

The lawyers explained that valuation of compensation would depend on the damages or losses suffered.

But a section of lawyers said the parents should sue the health care providers, and not the county government.

"The county plays an oversight role and is not directly linked to the hospital," said Kisumu-based lawyer Kevin Othoro.

Speaker's return reignites Keiyo and Marakwet feud

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The age-old rivalry between Marakwet and Keiyo communities has been rekindled, following the ouster and reinstatement of suspended Elgeyo-Marakwet County Assembly Speaker Albert Kochei.

Mr Kochei — who had stepped aside after his name appeared in President Uhuru Kenyatta's list of shame tabled in Parliament recently — controversially resumed duty last

week before being cleared of corruption charges by the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission.

Some Members of the County Assembly have thrown their weight behind him while others have opposed him. This has sparked tension in the assembly.

"Our assembly is being guarded with AK-47 assault rifles," said Endo Ward representative Festus Kirop. "They should be withdrawn."

Last week, there were temporary disruptions of House proceedings when members

heckled the Speaker and walked out. That's when Mr Kochei requested the deployment of armed Administration Police officers.

Keiyo North AP commandant Joseph Biwott said the officers would man the assembly throughout to guard public property and protect the two rival factions.

The rivalry between the two communities dates back to the Kanu era when the Marakwet felt marginalised since the Elgeyo-Marakwet district was managed administratively from Iten.

Four gunned down in Kombo's home

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Police yesterday gunned down four suspected robbers in former Cabinet minister Musikari Kombo's Loresho home and recovered two Cesca Pistol and 10 rounds of ammunition.

The four, according to Gigiri OCPD Vitalis Otieno, were trying to break into Mr Kombo's house in the upmarket estate when a neighbour raised an alarm.

"They had parked a car out-

side the compound and three of the thugs were already in the compound trying to break into the house," Mr Otieno said.

He said when police arrived at the house, one of the thugs who was keeping watch, started firing at the officers.

"The officers fired back and managed to fatally injure him and the other one who was in the car. On hearing the gunshots from outside, the thugs who were heading into the house tried to escape as they fired using the homemade gun," he said.

Mr Otieno said that the same group had been spotted at the home two weeks ago and when officers got information of the planned robbery, they laid an ambush.

They were all shot dead during the incident that happened at noon, causing panic in the posh neighbourhood that has in the recent past hit by a series of attacks.

Police are holding the car that was used by the suspects as investigations into the incident continue.



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SUPPORT | Stamping out palm wine could kill Coast economy and heritage, they say

Coast leaders: Spare 'mnazi', it's neither toxic nor brewed

Eyebrows raised over crackdown on 'natural' palm wine, with politicians pitted against chiefs

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Seated in a corner of a traditional pub at Mtaani, Kilifi town, young revellers sip palm wine as they swap stories.

The mnazi drink flows from one hand to the other in unison. Being a Sunday, the sales are high.

Mnazi is on the lips of many people in the region, following the recent crackdown on illegal brews nationwide ordered by President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Following the directive, a swoop was carried out at the Coast to flush out toxic liquor. When mnazi sellers and customers were arrested, Coast leaders hit the roof after 2,485 litres of palm wine were impounded.

Kilifi Governor Amason Kingi said this would kill the coast economy, yet mnazi was not toxic or illicit.

According to Kilifi County commissioner Joseph Keter, the wine was confiscated in Kaloleni, Mariakani, Malindi, Ganze and Magarini.

"We destroyed 1,700 litres and spared 785 litres for use as



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In defence of the traditional wine

William Kamoti, Rabai MP: Mnazi had been consumed for generations without any harm noted. It is not mixed with anything, neither is it fermented and harmful.

Kahindi Nzaro, mnazi vendor: Politicians are using the crackdown by chiefs and police to get undue political mileage. "Raids on mnazi dens have been going on for years without politicians raising a finger."

Halimu Shauri, Pwani University: Seek a long-term solution to mnazi to make it economically viable."

Teddy Mwambire, county assembly deputy speaker: We are in the process of passing the County Liquor Control Act, 2014.

Kilifi County Governor Amason Kingi (centre) inspects mnazi in Kaloleni. He has threatened to go to court to stop chiefs and the police from harassing sellers and consumers of the wine.

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exhibits in court. We also impounded 500 litres of a brew called Matingas in Kaloleni," said Mr Keter.

But Mr Kingi accused the regional administrators of harassing mnazi vendors. He told the more than 400 vendors: "Mnazi is not an illicit brew. It is not among illegal wines that have flooded the market. I support the president on the purge on illicit brews, but not the harassment of mnazi vendors." Kaloleni

MP Gunga Mwinga also met administrators' and mnazi vendors in Kaloleni and said: "I was educated through this wine. I have never seen anything wrong with it. This is a vendetta by administrators."

At the burial of Coast politician Beatrice Mwaringa in Kambe, Kilifi North MP Gideon Mung'aro said mnazi wine did not harm consumers and that the police and administrators should focus on narcotics.

Government initiates review of police training

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The government is reviewing the training curriculum for the police and other security agencies to better deal with emerging global security threats.

The basic syllabus for police recruits joining Kiganjo and Embakasi police colleges is being revised while serving officers will be retrained to meet the demands of 21st century policing.

According to Deputy Administration Police Commandant Fred Mwei, emerging security challenges like youth radicalisation, terrorism and cyber-crime will require the officers to be retrained.

Mr Mwei said recent terror attacks have made it necessary for the government to rethink its security strategies and focus more on capacity enhancement.

He spoke last week at the regional police training college in Kitui County where 300 police officers drawn from Mombasa, Kisumu, Nakuru, Narok, Uasin Gishu, Turkana and Kitui counties graduated from a tactical course on counter terrorism.

"Apart from the high level combat and rapid responses, our officers should be able to detect people involved in radicalisation and other related crimes and deal with the threats before they happen," he said.

Mr Mwei said the Kitui police college will be upgraded into the main training centre for security officers in East and Central Africa. It will host up to 1000 officers on various security courses.

The new police college, situated near Kanyonyoo market along the Thika - Garissa highway, houses the counter terrorism training centre and the Rural and Border Patrol Unit headquarters of the Administration Police.

He said the new measures



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Kenyans will see a huge decline in terror attacks as we are changing our approaches in dealing with security threats,"

Deputy
Administration Police
Commandant Fred
Mwei

will boost the war against terror both in the country and the region as it will provide a crucial basis for cooperation among the neighboring countries.

He said the US and Britain are among big players keen to support the college. Mr Mwei said under the security governance initiative, talks are underway with several other donor countries but already the US and UK have provided support towards the ambitious project.

Already, Kitui County government has provided 5,000 acres of land on freehold lease that would run for 33 years, along the highway - which is considered a key route to lawless Somalia.

The establishment of a regional security training college in Kitui is also in line with the East Africa Community (EAC) Defense protocol, a policy proposal that creates the framework for member states cooperation on inter-states security.

Curtain up on national music festival

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The 89th edition of the Kenya National Music Festival starts tomorrow in Kisumu.

The Education ministry's national coordinator Johnson Ikiugu, says the teams will arrive at their accommodation venues by 6 pm today.

Teams will board at Maseno School, Maseno Boarding, Kisumu Girls, Kisumu Day, Rae Girls, Ahero Girls and Otieno Oyoo Secondary.

In Vihiga County, hosts include Ebusakami Girls, Tigoi Girls, Moi Girls-Vokoli, Keveye Girls, Igunga Girls, Vihiga Boys, Mbale High, Bunyore Girls and Nyangori High.

Universities and teacher training colleges will be at Maseno University, Kisumu Polytechnic, Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University, Eregi Teachers and Kaimosi College.

Nairobi County dominated the metropolitan music festival Machakos, Kajiado and Makueni in the solo and choral verses, cultural dances, pop music and Zilizopendwa.

Nairobi's dominance over the years has led to an outcry, with losers saying they are not as well equipped or as exposed.

Previously, competition was zonal, divisional, district, provincial and national. Now the regional level



Last year's winners of the Scottish dance category, Rabuor Primary, Kisumu county.

has replaced the provincial one. That's how Nairobi was grouped with Kajiado and Makueni.

Among the big winners in the regional festival was St Lavida High School, with a solo verse *Nairobi Mashinani*. The verse argues that Nairobi is overcrowded and that people should consider going back upcountry.

Precious Blood Riruta took the top choral award with a verse on terrorism, *Promises*.

Moi Girls Nairobi shone in verses while, Precious Blood, Pumwani Boys, Aquinas High, Buru Buru Girls, State House Road Girls, Ngara Girls, Upper Hill Boys and Komarok topped in different categories. All these schools are from Nairobi County.

Foundation to help fight social injustices

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The Ford Foundation has pledged continued support for projects that fight inequality and social injustice.

Mr Martin Abregu, the foundation's vice-president and who also heads its global grant, says limited rights to access and use of natural resources to generate wealth by minorities is a key cause of inequality and social injustices in Africa.

The absence of a proper policy to address the disparities, Mr Abregu argued, had led to constant conflicts and violent extremism in most parts of the world, with East Africa bearing the brunt of Somalia terror group Al-Shabaab.

Mr Abregu, who is from Argentina, was among a group of scholars, land rights experts

as well as human rights campaigners who had converged at the Serena Beach Resort in Mombasa County to discuss the right of access, use and ownership of natural resources with a focus on land and water.

He also spoke to the *Sunday Nation* on the sidelines of the annual four-day forum which attracted local and international delegates from civil society groups and community initiatives supported by Ford Foundation.

Mr Abregu said strengthening civil societies would influence formulation of right policies addressing marginalised and minority groups.

"Ford Foundation listens and relies on you, civil societies in amplifying voices of communities for meaningful social change. You are the producers of change."

COURTS | Firm denies any wrong doing in terminating contract

Accountant demands Sh420m from KPC

Man tells court that he was wrongly accused and sacked by the company

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A senior accountant has taken Kenya Pipeline Company to court seeking Sh420 million for wrongful termination from employment.

Mr Richard Kiundi was employed by KPC as an accountant in June 1995 and later elevated to become the chief accountant.

On March 13, 2003, his services were terminated over accusations that he authorised an illegal payment to defraud the company huge sums of money.

He lodged his claim in the High Court seeking Sh220 million from his former employer plus interest from the period he was rendered jobless and with damages for breach of his contract.

Mr Kiundi later amended his suit to include aggravated and exemplary damages of Sh200 million.

But on July 17, justice Joseph Serگون ordered the suit to be withdrawn from the High Court and transferred to the Industrial Court for determination.

This was after the judge upheld a preliminary objection by KPC that the High Court had no jurisdiction to decide on a dispute falling within the ambit of the Employment and Labour Relations Court.

Indeed, Justice Serگون concurred with KPC, arguing that since the dispute was a controversy between an employer and employee on the terms and conditions of employment, the proper forum would be the Industrial Court.

Mr Kiundi, through King'oo Wanjau Advocates, urged justice Serگون to enter judgement against the state corporation saying that his termination was malicious. He said the disciplinary committee which sealed his fate was improperly constituted.

He further submitted that key

members of the committee, including the director representing the Energy ministry, board chairman and the firm's director were absent from the meeting.

He alleged that during the deliberations, engineer John Chege and chief mechanical engineer Kakai Kuteli were unanimous that the payments were authorised pursuant to a requisition made from the engineering department and approved by them.

The former accountant maintained his dismissal was unlawful, malicious and unprocedural, contending that the investigations carried out in relation to the incident absolved him from the alleged fraud.

"All along, KPC knew I was innocent but chose to subject me to mob lynching and unfair treatment by setting up a Kangaroo court to determine my fate," said Mr Kiundi in a sworn affidavit.

2003

The year Kiundi's contract was terminated after serving the company from June 1995.

But responding to the suit through lawyer Kenneth Kiplagat, KPC denied each and every allegation made against the company by its former employee.

Dr Kiplagat said Mr Kiundi acted improperly in the performance of his duties by knowingly authorising payment of fraudulent claims. "He actively concealed the fraud by flouting the laid down procedures for making payments and thereby caused the company financial loss," said Dr Kiplagat.

The company denied any wrong doing or breach of the terms of the contract in dismissing Mr Kiundi.

Boda Boda riders protest police harassment at night

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Boda boda riders in Dagoretti market in Nairobi are up in arms over alleged harassment by police officers who do not want them to ride into the neighbouring upmarket Karen estate.

They claim the plain clothes officers from Lang'ata Police Station who are moving around in civilian vehicles at night have resorted to unorthodox means including hitting their motorcycles from behind while on the road.

A number of them say they have sustained injuries, some serious, from falls after being hit. Lang'ata Police Station is under Lang'ata Police Division while Dagoretti is under Kabete Police Division.

Those whose motorcycles have been impounded have been forced to collect them

from Lang'ata Police Station. The impounded motorcycles are allegedly released at a fee but no arrests are made.

Samuel Njenga, who broke his arm and got a fracture at the back of his head, says his motorcycle was hit as he was ferrying a passenger to Karen after he failed to stop when flagged down.

"When they told me to stop, I doubted them as they were in plain clothes and in a civilian car so I sped off thinking they were thugs.

"They followed me until I dropped the passenger and a few moments later they hit me from behind. I fell on a rock breaking my arm," he explained.

Another operator, John Kinyanjui, who broke his leg after he was also allegedly hit when he failed to stop says he was forced to part with Sh8,000 after his motorcycle

was impounded and towed to the Lang'ata Police Station. He said the police are still holding his driver's licence.

"I reported the matter to the OCS here but he told me there was no way he could intervene because the matter is being handled by the CID from Lang'ata Division," he said.

Contacted by *Sunday Nation*, Lang'ata OCPD Elijah Mwangi said: "I'm not aware if anyone has been assaulted by the police in the operation because no one has reported to us yet."

Police say they are investigating the claims with a view to taking action. They further say the riders are disobeying an existing ban that outlaws bodaboda in the Karen area at night due to insecurity.

But the riders say they are harassed even when taking passengers to Manyatta area, which is in Dagoretti.

Judicial Service taken to court

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A union has sued the body that hires Judiciary staff over alleged failure to submit members' deductions.

The Kenya Union of Judiciary Workers (KUJW) wants the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) ordered to remit union dues and to sign a recognition

agreement.

In a suit filed on Friday at the Employment and Labour Relations Court in Nairobi, KUJW accuses JSC and the Chief Registrar of the Judiciary of failing to make payments despite receiving check-off forms from its 2,005 members, which form 78.4 per cent of the workforce.

"(KUJW) forwarded the check-off forms to (the chief

registrar) to effect the deduction of union dues and remit the dues to union's gazetted account between November 28, 2011 and October 2, 2012. The registrar had never remitted the deductions to date," the union said in a suit filed by its secretary-general Eric Barare Orina. Mr Orina said the future of the union faces a threat of being deregistered as a result.



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LETTER FROM LONDON | Gerry Loughran

Kenya hits the headlines, thanks to Obama



Publicity: President's visit put Kenya on the world map and for good reasons

It's a long time since Kenya has received such huge — and largely positive — exposure. Newspapers, television and social media worldwide went into overdrive for the visit of President Barack Obama to his ancestral country.

Typical was the headline in *The Observer*, a British Sunday newspaper: "Obama rediscovers the audacity of hope as jubilant Kenyans welcome him home." Others: "I'm proud to be the first Kenyan-American president," "Obama says Africa is on the move," "Obama has big plans for Africa," "Welcome home, son."

The difficulties were not ignored: "Obama takes Kenya to task over corruption," "Kenya at crossroads, says Obama," "Obama calls for gay rights in Africa," "Obama rebuffed by Kenyatta," "Obama's tough message on gay rights in Kenya is given short shrift."

Newspapers described how the city of Nairobi came to a standstill for the presidential visit, how Obama hosted a four-course dinner at a luxury hotel for some three dozen members of his extended family and how he promised to return after his term in the White House, indicating Kenya could be on his philanthropic agenda.

Commentators noted that like the university lecturer he once was, Obama spoke mostly without notes, appeared totally assured, knew his brief thoroughly and hammered home his belief that indigenous economic development and entrepreneurship must take precedence over

dependence on foreign assistance, i.e. trade not aid.

Most of Obama's views were rapturously received, such as his call for public trials for the corrupt and his emphasis on a new and inspiring leadership by the young. But he struck a rock on gay rights in a country where nine out of ten people believe homosexuality to be unacceptable.

Obama compared homophobia to the racial discrimination he had discovered in the United States, arguing that abusing people because of who they loved was wrong.

One paper said, "Never before has such a powerful foreign leader challenged Africans so directly on their own soil."

But President Kenyatta spoke up. "There are some things we must admit we don't share," he said. "It is very difficult for us to impose on people that which they don't accept."

Identifying Africa's principal challenges as lack of good governance and transparency, weak institutions, corruption, entrenched poverty and avoidable disease, the *Observer* argued that this was the optimum moment for Obama to act for the continent.

With 18 months left to go in his presidency, he enjoyed great freedom of action in international affairs, unlike at home where many of his domestic initiatives were derailed by Republican opposition.

So now was the time for Obama to deliver on his fine ideas, the newspaper said. "The rare opportunity that

“With 18 months left to go in his presidency, he enjoyed great freedom of action in international affairs”

now presents itself must not be missed.”

If there were not enough reasons to stop smoking, scientists have discovered one more: It could affect the brain, leading to schizophrenia.

Researchers at King's College, London, said nicotine altered levels of the brain chemical dopamine, which has been implicated in the psychosis.

Professor Michael Owen said the scientists had made "a pretty strong case" that smoking may increase the risk of schizophrenia. The overall incidence of the condition is one in every 100 people; this could be increased to two per 100 by smoking. Further trials are to take place.

A young couple got a better bargain than they expected when they visited the Sue Ryder charity shop in Newcastle upon Tyne.

For a small sum, they bought a plastic file folder for their documents. When they opened it back home, they found £800

(Sh127,500) tucked inside.

Manager Tracey Wood said, "The couple returned to the shop, quite bewildered by finding all that money. I couldn't believe it, but I was so pleased we have such honest customers."

Tracey examined her Gift Aid receipts and found the file folder had been donated by Jordanne Richardson, who explained how the money got there.

"Since my grandmother's death we have been going through her possessions and getting her house in order. This isn't the first time we have found cash hidden around her house, but I never expected her to hide so much money in a box of plastic files."

She said, "We are so grateful to the couple because the money will help pay for my grandfather's care as he now lives in a home."

Joanne has appealed to the couple to come forward so she can thank them personally and give them a small gift.

Six men and a woman were hanging by a rope from a helicopter. If one didn't drop off, the rope would break and they would all die.

Finally the lone woman said, "I volunteer to go. Women have always made the greatest sacrifices, for their husbands, their children and the human race in general." The men were so moved by this fine speech, they all started clapping.

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HOT TOPIC | US court made landmark ruling

Anglicans edge toward split as faction backs gay marriage

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Hot on the heels of the June 26 American Supreme Court ruling legalising same-sex marriage, the General Convention of the Anglican Church in the US (known as the Episcopalians) reached a similar decision last month, threatening further splits in the church's global community.

Already, the Global South — Africa, Latin America and parts of Asia — which comprises three-quarters of the 80 million Anglican membership, is warning their counterparts in North America and Europe that allowing same-sex marriage goes against the scriptures.

During the General Convention meeting in Salt Lake City, Episcopal bishops, clergy and lay leaders overwhelmingly approved rites for same-sex couples seeking to be married in church. The convention also edited gender-neutral language into its marriage laws, substituting "man and woman" with "couple".

It is instructive to note that when the American church started ordaining gay bishops in the last decade, with Gene Robinson being a prominent pioneer, conservative members — mostly from Africa and Asia — came together and formed the Global Anglican Future Conference (Gafcon), which seeks to uphold what they say are the true teachings of christianity.

The climax was when some 1,000 people — including archbishops, bishops and pastors — gathered in Jerusalem for the first Gafcon in June 2008. They issued the Jerusalem Declaration, a 14-point document aimed at restoring the church's position.

This was followed by the second Gafcon held in Nairobi in 2013. At the end of it, some 1,300 Anglicans present issued the Nairobi communiqué and a nine-point Commitment "to Jesus Christ as the head of the Church, the authority of his Word and the power of his gospel".

Archbishop Eliud Wabukala, who heads the ACK, is the chairman of the Gafcon Primates Council. Reacting to the new move by their America church, the archbishop said that he was not surprised as the leadership of the Episcopalians had repeatedly defied attempts to correct their false teachings.

"At the Lambeth Conference of 1998 the church stated that marriage is between man and woman and that any other form of marriage is contrary to scripture. We then gave them the chance to rectify their ways but instead they went ahead and ordained a gay man as bishop which made the Kenya synod break links with them," Archbishop Wabukala told the *Sunday Nation*.

The Lambeth conference is the once-a-decade meeting of bishops convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the symbolic head of the church.

The Kenyan primate sees the gay debate as the opening bait for an even more sinister motive against the church and Christianity in general. "At the heart of it all is the impending rejection of God's word and God's authority," he says, calling the move a resuscitation of the biblical original sin in the book of Genesis.

After doubting God's sovereignty the next agenda would be to have a fully permissive world where everybody does what they like, which he says, is also predicted in the Bible. He believes the battle ahead is tough, considering that their colleagues in the West who are going out of scriptural teachings have the power of the media, global liberalism and the financial might working for them.

BAROMETER | Lukoye Atwoli

Why Catholic medics should talk with their bishops



Own dose: In their opposition to vaccines, Catholic bishops will be swayed only by the faithful, including church professionals involved in medical campaigns and research

Earlier this past week, Catholic bishops came out railing against the polio vaccination campaign planned to begin this week-end. They demanded that the campaign be stopped until "joint testing" was carried out, so that they can "assure Kenyans of the safety of the vaccines".

No specific claims are being made about contamination of these vaccines so that they can be quickly addressed for the benefit of these same Kenyans.

In March last year, Catholic Archbishop John Cardinal Njue raised similar concerns about the tetanus vaccine, leading to a protracted "testing" that proved that none of the randomly selected samples of the vaccine were tainted, as claimed by the bishops.

Throughout the testing, only three surreptitiously acquired and tested vials showed evidence of "tainting", raising questions as to how they were acquired and treated before testing by the bishops.

This "row" continued until early this year when it appeared to have been put to rest.

The resurrection of these claims suggests that the bishops distrust the entire public health infrastructure, and risks destroying disease prevention gains made over so many decades.

To my mind, a dangerous trend has taken root in this country, building upon the previously noted tendency of Kenyans to dismiss professionals in favour of others considered to be more credible.

The credibility of these others is not based on their qualifications or training, but on the positions they hold in the public imagination. They are allowed to trash professionals, with members of the

“Last year, Catholic church leaders opposed the tetanus vaccine, leading to protracted ‘testing’, and now they are making all kinds of allegations against the polio vaccination drive,”

public cheering them on, even when all available knowledge contradicts their claims.

For the past few years, health professionals have borne the brunt of this. Their professional opinions have been dismissed on the flimsiest of grounds, their blueprints shelved, and their position in society lowered so much that they have lately been seen as tradesmen and artisans.

And yet when we seek their professional services, we demand the highest quality service, and are quick to run to the media to complain about their "lack of professionalism" and to demand that they be disciplined or charged in court.

As someone once said, choices have consequences. We can choose to destroy the health profession in Kenya and live with the resultant anarchy. Or we can choose to listen critically to professionals, interrogate them, and ultimately make decisions respecting their position.

Many in this country have asked those of us in the health services to "engage" the bishops and address their concerns before proceeding

with these important public health work.

They can be sure that many of us have tried, and on this I have even faulted the government for bending over backwards to accommodate even the quirkiest of demands from disparate groups.

It is safe to conclude that we probably do not know the real problem behind these escalating unproved claims of vaccine contamination.

In my view, Catholic bishops will only be swayed by Catholic faithful, including professionals involved in these vaccination campaigns and in vaccine research and development.

Let these professionals who feel that our children are being unnecessarily exposed to preventable risks talk with these bishops and discuss their concerns.

Perhaps the bishops will listen to them more than the government and public health professionals that they seem to distrust so much!

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BUSINESS



LESSONS FROM OBAMA VISIT
For the US leader to chat with innovators, for business moguls to assemble here, and for our success stories to get positive airing... you can't buy that! **P.35**

FUEL | New level to further burden consumers already paying other petroleum taxes

Motorists to feel the heat as regulator introduces road levy

Kenya Revenue Authority has given the green light to the Energy Regulatory Authority to introduce Sh3 charge per litre of fuel

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Motorists will begin to feel the full burden of the fuel levy costs this month when the energy regulator factors in the road maintenance levy on petrol and diesel.

The Energy Regulatory Commission has since received the legal notice from the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) allowing it to proceed with the proposed Sh3 per litre of fuel to be used in maintaining roads.

ERC Acting Director for Petroleum Edward Kinyua said this month's price adjustments would include the road maintenance levy in line with the effective date of the legal notice effecting the levy.

"The consignments that came in from July 17, which is within our pricing window starting every 10th, will be affected by this levy. There will be no backdating as previously alleged and we will compensate the importers who already paid the levy in the post-July 17 consignments," the ERC of-

ficial said. In the budget proposals, a Sh3 road maintenance levy was proposed to start from July 1. KRA is said to have released the notice quoting the July 17 as the effective date. But it was not clear whether the fuel received from July 1 or that consumed before the new pricing takes effect would have escaped the levy.

The official declined to make any comments regarding such possible revenue losses following the delay in release of the notice and whether the targeted consignment would attract any form of levy to cover up the possible leakages.

The levy comes even as the government plans to introduce toll stations on some major roads. The plan, which has been in consideration since February last year, has drawn criticism from lobby groups and consumers who believe it amounts to double taxation.

The reality of the fuel levy became clearer in December when the Kenya Roads Board renewed its push to have the Treasury double the petroleum levy from Sh9 to Sh18.

Total tax on petrol is about Sh30 per litre, on diesel is about Sh20 per litre and Sh2.20 per litre on Kerosene. In essence, the prices of petrol, diesel and kerosene are almost the same before taxation, indicating how taxes distort market prices.

Infrastructure Principal Secretary John Mosonik said in March that plans are at advanced stages to contract a transaction adviser to implement toll stations scheme.

The funds collected would be used for road maintenance as Kenya embarks on an



An attendant fuels a matatu at a Nyeri petrol station last month.

ambitious plan to construct 10,000 kilometers of roads by 2017.

Improving roads

"Toll roads scheme will completely be a private-public partnership and we hope to get a transactional adviser by next month to roll it out. Mombasa-Nairobi-Nakuru highway, Thika Road and Southern by-pass will be the first to be incorporated under this scheme," said Mr Mosonik.

Last year, an advertisement on local dailies sought an expression of interest from consultants who could provide transaction advisory services for the tendering of maintenance, operation and tolling of Mombasa-Nairobi highway and Nairobi-Nakuru highway through public-private partnership.

Transaction advisers as well as environmental, legal, traffic and engineering consultants are already finalising plans for the toll roads.

The technique has been criticised for delays as motorists slow down to pay fees but lauded for reducing traffic as well as improving roads.

Consumers Federation of Kenya boss Stephen Mutoro faulted the plan.

"The government ought

to diagnose the root causes of poor management of our roads. It is not just about insufficient funds, it is about excessive corruption which may persist even within the proposed toll stations. They will simply be conduits for fleecing consumers further and we are opposed to them," Mr Mutoro told the *Sunday Nation*.

The consumer also pays Sh0.40 per litre of fuel as petroleum development levy which goes towards a fund known as Petroleum Development Fund. These taxes are on top of 1.5 per cent duty railway development levy imposed on all imports.

Analysts had projected that oil prices would remain low for some time as oil producing giants have refused to cut back on production to push prices back up.

Soaked up in GES, Kenya loses spot in African bank

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As Kenya basked in global lime-light last week during US President Barack Obama's visit to open the Global Entrepreneurship Summit, the country missed a chance to become a founder member of an Africa-oriented infrastructure lender.

Last week was the deadline to apply for membership to the Africa50 — set up by African Development Bank to mobilise funds for the region's infrastructure through project financing and development. The headquarters are in Casablanca, Morocco, with a public sector approach to business development.

By the time Kenya sent a request to be part of Africa50, articles of agreement for founder membership had already been prepared. The deadline was later extended from May by a month for more applications, especially from countries outside Africa. "We had expressed interest to join the fund and were invited to Morocco. But our focus was the GES. As government, we had agreed to contribute about Sh3 billion to the fund as our first pledge if we got the chance to be part of the founder members," said National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich on phone last week.

Africa50 held its first meeting at the Constitutive General Assembly on July 29 in Casablanca, Morocco. The GES that the Kenya government had concentrated on ended on Sunday, July 26.

Membership to Africa50 means increased funding opportunities for infrastructure projects, with special preference on founder members. In a statement last week, the Africa50 board announced that 20 African countries and the African Development Bank had pledged Sh84 billion.

"These founding African countries are Benin, Cameroon, Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, The Gambia and Togo," the statement said. Mr Rot-

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Sh3

Amount of money the ERC will introduce as Road Maintenance levy from every litre of petrol.

10,000

The number of kilometres of roads the government hopes to build by 2017

This week's indicators

MARKET PERFORMANCE

Points	NSE 20	Index
Close	4404.72	1
Week's change:	Down 95.71 points	

TOP GAINERS

	Price	%
BA Investment	17.45	21.60%
Carbacid Invest	16.95	20.64%
Pan Africa Ins.	72.00	17.07%

BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	%
Kenya Airways	5.70	-17.39%
Athi River Mining	63.00	-10.64%
BAT	741.00	-8.86%

TOP TRADERS

	Price(sh)	Shares(m)
Safaricom	14.40	77m
Equity Group	39.25	25m
KenolKobil	8.00	19m

MARKET TURNOVER

	Friday	Prev
Equity	3.4 bn;	2.91bn
Bond	4.5bn;	1.49bn

MACRO INDICATORS

Interest rates: Latest (%)
91-day 11.539% 06/08/2015
182-day 12.431% 05/08/2015

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FINANCES | TPS Serena and Athi River Mining made losses

Kenya Airways stole the show

As national carrier was reporting Sh25.7bn loss, other firms too registered losses

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Last week marked a major milestone in Kenya's corporate history with Kenya Airways posting a huge loss in the year ended March 2015.

The airline's full year loss of Sh25.7 billion masked other losses announced in the week by cement maker Athi River Mining (ARM) and hotel chain TPS Serena.

The national carrier booked a place in corporate history as the biggest loss maker in the year, in what is attributed to stiff competition from Middle East airlines, foreign exchange instability, insecurity in the country, travel advisories and the Ebola crisis that hit West Africa.

Purchase of new airline under Project Mawingu was part of a plan to pursue new routes both in Africa and internationally. This, however, ran into headwinds following the outbreak of Ebola in West Africa, which forced the airline to suspend travel to Sierra Leone and Liberia. Travel advisories by European countries to their nationals against visiting Kenya in the wake



FILE | NATION

Tourists at the Serena Beach Hotel in Mombasa. TPS Serena made a Sh97m loss in the first half.

OTHERS

Weak earnings for cigarette maker

Two weeks ago, Housing Finance, BAT and WPP Scangroup reported weak earnings growth of less than 10 per cent.

WPP's recent expansions across Africa are yet to bear fruit while BAT continues to face regulatory challenges as governments move to enforce more stringent tobacco use laws. HF faces slowdown in its mortgage business due to the rise in interest rates.

respond to market dynamics," Chief Executive Officer Mbuvi Ngunze said last week.

But analysts say the airline's journey of recovery is long. To begin with, KQ is still grappling with a huge debt of about Sh130 billion, which it needs to clear even as it seeks for more funding both from shareholders and from sale of assets if it is remain in business.

"Overall, in our view, the performance is disappointing and the company will need to review strategy and restructure balance sheet by finding new capital," analysts at Standard Investment Bank (SIB) said.

of insecurity saw the travel business affected with tourists flying into the country on the decline.

"We have had turbulent times but we are regaining our altitude. The board and management are working to review our strategy to

Airline bosses to face team over losses

BY KEVIN NGAI

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A committee will be formed to investigate the Kenya Airways officials over the loss of billions of shillings revealed in the auditor-general's report.

Speaking during a fundraiser at Nkarini Secondary School in Tharaka Constituency yesterday, National Assembly Majority Leader Aden Duale said officials at the national carrier would be investigated to find out if there was any misappropriation.

"If what is happening to Kenya Airways was happening in the United States or Europe today, even the minister concerned would resign. Where are all our profits going? The men and women who are running the airline must be investigated," Mr Duale said.

He said Kenya Airways woes are like that of the Kenya Meat Commission and Mumias Sugar Company, which in the end were brought to their knees.

On Thursday Kenya Airways announced a loss of Sh25.7 billion after tax for 12 months ending March.

MPs Muthomi Njuki (Chuka/Igambang'ombe), Mandera East MP Farah Maalim, Tharaka's Mburi Muiru and Tharaka Nithi Women Rep Beatrice Nkatha backed him.



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SUNNY DAY | Sunny Bindra

Three observations from Obama's historic visit



Magical: For the US leader to chat with our young innovators, for the world's business moguls to assemble here, and for our success stories to get such positive airing... well, you can't buy that!

The visit to Kenya last weekend by US President Barack Obama brought us to a standstill, watching every bit of the ride: planes, helicopters, automobiles, protocols, speeches and all. Allow me to make three, simple observations.

First, Kenya received publicity that we simply could not have bought. This was pure gold. We were in the global spotlight — and, for a change, it was for all the right reasons.

Instead of airing our poverty and our conflicts and our disasters, we showcased our innovators and entrepreneurs. We showed that we are a destination for capital and a place to set up business. We showed that Kenya is not a single story — it is a multiplicity of narratives, and many of them are celebratory.

For the US President to be strolling around these streets chatting with young innovators and talking about business and investment, was a sublime occurrence. For the world's great business leaders to assemble here in Nairobi for a global summit on entrepreneurship was magical. And for our many business success stories to get such an international airing — well, you can't buy that.

I really hope our leaders understood the single most powerful message of this visit: you don't get great publicity by paying to say you're good; you get great publicity by being good. Some moments of hypocrisy aside,

what was on display last weekend was not fake PR, not a smoke-and-mirrors manufactured reality; no, what we showed is what is real: that we are indeed a place ready to do business on the global stage; that we are a place teeming with fresh-faced youngsters with fresh ideas; and that we already have game-changing business successes under our belts.

A second observation. Our president, Uhuru Kenyatta, was in the unenviable position of having to stand next to one of the world's most renowned orators. On top of that, he had to bow in the face of the security-and-protocol machine of the world's most powerful nation. Pretty much every leader in the world would have wilted under that pressure.

President Kenyatta, let us say, stood tall. He spoke shoulder-

to-shoulder to Barack Obama and held his own; he deployed the correct mix of humour and humility; he played the host with aplomb; and he held his own in the glare of world media.

Watching the two presidents together, two moments stood out: one was to see them sitting on stage at GES 2015 — in dialogue, not with moneyed old men, but with young innovators.

If anything highlighted where the future of Africa lies, it was that: it is not in adoring the Big People; but in connecting the Little People in fresh and creative ways.

The second moment was the much-anticipated disagreement on gay rights. Each president stated his case clearly; neither conceded ground; and yet, there was no fight. They ended that press conference arm-in-arm. Kenyans, used to name-calling

and insult-hurling, were shown a different way of differing: the gentleman's disagreement.

My final observation is about the schedule of the US president. Have you ever seen so much activity packed into a mere 48 hours? He opened a global summit, chatted with innovators and examined their products; paid his respects to victims of terrorism; led his country's bilateral talks with Kenya; conducted a joint press conference; had deep discussions with members of civil society; delivered a landmark stadium address; met leaders of the political opposition; gave a TV interview — and managed to meet and host his extended family as well as dance “lipala.” And then, after we said goodbye to him and fell back exhausted — he landed in Ethiopia to do it all over again, and found time for a speech to AU leaders that rocked the rafters.

Applause. Such energy can only come from clarity of purpose and deeply held values. Few of his own predecessors as POTUS would have pulled off that schedule, or even wanted to. The lesson for all of us? When a man on a mission is pushing, mountains can indeed be moved, the concept of time can be reshaped, and fatigue becomes a minor inconvenience.

What now for Kenya, though? Has anything changed? More on that next week.

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US President Barack Obama (left) and Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta (centre) attend a GES panel discussion in Nairobi last week.

TECHNOLOGY | Sam Wambugu

Texting and walking: Why we need texting lanes



Universal myth: If you get away with doing both at the same time, it is mere luck, not your superior multi-tasking skills

The first SMS text was sent about 23 years ago by Neil Papworth, then a 22-year-old communications engineer working in the United Kingdom. He sent his text from a PC since mobile phones didn't yet have keyboards. His message was short and clear — he simply wished his friend a, “Merry Christmas.”

Since then, the humble SMS has grown in leaps and bounds. Now there are safety concerns associated with the growing number of people who text as they walk. Just look around the next time you are stopped at a cross-walk waiting for the traffic signal to change: people, like you and I, with smartphones in our hands, staring at them intently, rapidly moving our thumbs, and texting.

It's easy to convince yourself—consciously or unconsciously—that you won't be distracted, that you're capable of simultaneously composing your message and minding street traffic with peripheral vision. For most people, the decision to text while walking comes without a moment of hesitation.

The perils of texting while driving are well documented. But texting while walking has its own pitfalls. Texting while walking has quickly become a safety concern, with more and more cell phone

users falling into some sort of injury because they are paying more attention to their phones than what is in front of them.

A quick search on YouTube would bring up all sorts of videos of people walking into walls, lampposts, people, doors, falling into pools or into open manholes, water fountains and rolling down the stairs.

In London, officials have even started padding lampposts for the sake of distracted walkers while some other cities are creating texting lanes in order to keep texters out of danger.

While this can seem like a puny problem compared to other distracted texting issues such as texting while driving, researchers believe texting while walking can actually be more dangerous. A study conducted at the Univer-

sity of Buffalo reveals that more injuries occur due to texting while walking than texting while driving. This is confirmed by a related study by researchers at the Stony Brook University, who say that people who walk while texting are 61 percent more likely to veer off course.

Utah Valley University unveiled a “texting lane” with the hopes of helping phone-absorbed students.

Given this background, it's not difficult to agree with doctors that each year, thousands of pedestrians end up in the emergency room due to walking and texting injuries — a number that increased fivefold between 2005 and 2010, as cell-phone usage surged.

More than half of all cell phone owners have experienced

“distracted walking” — bumping into something or someone — according to a recent Study.

Other studies conducted on cell phone use while walking showed that cell phone users recall fewer objects when conversing, walk slower, have altered gait and are more unsafe when crossing a street.

Blame the universal myth of multi-tasking for the problem: human brain evolution does not allow for texting at the same time as walking, and that's a fact. You cannot think as a split screen: you are always limited to one task at a time, one requiring full attention and one which becomes a hazardous distraction.

What appears to you to be multi-tasked activity are really two tasks half-heartedly attended to, with sometimes-fatal results.

You can walk but not text, or text but not walk, much as you can drive but not text or text but not drive, and never both at the same time. If we must, then we need to speak to our governments to create texting lanes. If you get away with doing both at the same time, it is mere luck, not your superior multi-tasking skills.

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Kenya misses key post in Africa's new lending arm

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ich, however, expressed optimism that Kenya would be considered as a founder member of the fund.

“Africa has really focused on infrastructure; this is a chance to Kenya and other countries to get project preparation facilities and funding for approved projects. We are positive that AfDB will consider us since we have worked with them on the standard gauge railway,” said Mr Rotich.

In April, as China launched a World Bank rival, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Kenya was sidestepped in the deal that would see over 50 countries join the bank.

China failed to extend an invitation to Kenya to join the Sh5 trillion institution. Only South Africa was invited by China to join the bank.

China is one of Kenya's most important international partners, and is credited with major infrastructure projects such as the proposed Standard Gauge Railway and Mombasa port expansion — co-financed by Japan.

“AIIB did not send us a letter stating the articles of agreement and inviting us to apply. Such let-

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The large presence of African states and their financial commitments are a testimony to a shared vision,”

Donald Kaberuka, AfDB head

ters are usually addressed to me or to Foreign Affairs,” Mr Rotich said in an earlier interview.

AIIB has democratic and market systems, with a key focus on infrastructure projects. It will also have strong views on issues such as the environment, human rights, corruption and efficient lending.

Kenya's membership to these institutions would put it in a better position to borrow funds for massive infrastructure projects.

Kenya is a member of the IMF and the World Bank. This has put it in a position to receive funding for its infrastructure projects and to get advice on its monetary status.

Treasury said the government is keen to join Africa50. Last week, Morocco's finance minister Mohamed Boussaid said Africa50 is an idea whose time has come.

AfDB President Donald Kaberuka, also chairman of the board of directors of Africa50, said: “The large presence of African states and their financial commitments are a testimony to a shared vision to find new ways to accelerate building infrastructure”.

Kenya's debt levels have been rising, with the IMF, World Bank and Central Bank of Kenya urging the government to tame its appetite for new debt.

Infrastructure projects are to blame for constant borrowing that has led to increased debt burden.



PUBLIC TENDERS

NATIONAL

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Purchase of 10 4x4 heavy-duty motor vehicles and one 29-seater executive staff bus
Director General, PO Box 30266, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box on first floor, Herufi House
Deadline: 13/6/2015
More information: <https://supplier.treasury.go.ke> and/or www.knbs.or.ke

Ewaso Ngiro South Development Authority

Development of integrated Suswa-Magadi floods and sediments control management plan
Supply Chain Management Officer, PO Box 213, Narok 20500 – deposit in tender box at authority's headquarters, opposite Masai Mara University, Narok-Bomet.
Deadline: 14/8/2015

Rift Valley Water Services Board

Drilling of boreholes for rural water supply project in East Pokot, Baringo
Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 2451, Nakuru 20100
Deadline: 14/8/2015

Ministry of Health

Consultancy for development of menstrual hygiene management policy and strategy
Send expression of interest, curriculum vitae, work plan and statement of capability to dtskenyahub@yahoo.com
Deadline: 9/8/2015

National Industrial Training Authority

Provision of firefighting and fire protection equipment and training services
Director General, PO Box 74494, Nairobi 00200; or deposit in tender box at reception, main administration block B, first floor, authority's headquarters, Commercial Street
Deadline: 14/8/2015

Kenya Power

Prequalification of insurance brokerage firms
Deadline: 11/8/2015
More information: www.kplc.co.ke
Kenya National Bureau of Statistics
Provision of car hire services (18 4x4 heavy-duty motor vehicles)
Director General, PO Box 30266, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box on first floor, Herufi House
Deadline: 13/6/2015
More information: <https://supplier.treasury.go.ke> and/or www.knbs.or.ke

Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Livelihoods and social development coordinator – Kwale Small Grants Facility
Project Manager, Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Program, fourth floor, Maji House, room 453/456, Ngong Road, PO Box 49720, Nairobi 00100; or deposit in tender box on ground floor, Maji House. Deadline: 5/8/2015

Kenya Urban Roads Authority

Construction of Ngong Road – Kibera – Langata Road to bitumen standard
Deadline: 5/8/2015
More information: www.kura.go.ke and supplier.treasury.go.ke

ICT Authority

Installation, configuration and commissioning of resource management system
Chief Executive Officer, Kenya Transparency and Communications Infrastructure Project, PO Box 27150, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 11/8/2015
More information: www.icta.go.ke and www.treasury.supplier.treasury.go.ke

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service

Supply and delivery of pest attractants: methyl eugenol and cue lure butanone acetate
Deadline: 3/8/2015
More information: www.kephis.org or supplier.treasury.co.ke

Kenya National Highways Authority

Design review, tender documentation, construction supervision and contract administration for upgrade of regional Mombasa Port road access project: Kwa Jomvu – Mariakani section (30.4km)

Secretary/Tender Committee, first floor, Blue Shield Towers, Upper Hill, PO Box 49712, Nairobi
Deadline: 21/8/2015

Kenya Electricity Generating Company

Pre-qualification for design of 2015-2017 annual report and accounts.
Company Secretary and Legal Affairs Director, seventh floor, Stima Plaza Phase III, Kolobot Road, Parklands, PO Box 47936, Nairobi 00100
Deadline: 6/8/2015.

University of Kabianga

Extension of network infrastructure
Vice-Chancellor, PO Box 2030, Kericho 20200 – deposit in tender box at reception, administration block. Deadline: 5/8/2015
Youth, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply.

Kinango Constituency Development Fund

Supply of cleaning and domestic material
Chairman, Kinango CDF Committee, PO Box 41, Kinango 80405; or deposit in tender box at entrance, CDF office
Deadline: 4/8/2015. Reserved for youth, women and persons with disabilities.

County Commissioner, Kirinyaga County

Supply and delivery of assorted stationery
Deadline: 5/8/2015. Reserved for youth, women and persons with disabilities

National Industrial Training Authority

Supply and delivery of cutlery, crockery and kitchen equipment
Director General, PO Box 74494, Nairobi 00200; or deposit in tender box at reception, main administration block B, first floor, authority headquarters, Commercial Street
Deadline: 14/8/2015. Reserved for youth, women and persons with disabilities.

Rural Electrification Authority (Rea)

Drilling of borehole at Lokichar diesel power station
Chief Executive Officer, Kawi House, South C, PO Box 34585, Nairobi 00100 – eposit on ground floor, Rea office
Deadline: 4/8/2015

National Social Security Fund

Provision of staff group life insurance brokerage services. Deadline: 6/8/2015
More information: www.nssf.or.ke or <http://supplier.treasury.go.ke>

Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board

Supply and delivery of office furniture fittings and equipment
Deadline: 4/8/2015
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University of Kabianga

Construction of council chambers
Vice-Chancellor, PO Box 2030, Kericho 20200 – deposit in tender box at reception, administration block
Deadline: 5/8/2015. Youth, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply

Kenya National Highways Authority

Consultancy for design review and construction supervision of Kisumu Boys roundabout (A1/B1) – Mamboleo junction (A1/C34) road (A1)
Secretary/Tender Committee, procurement office, first floor, Blueshield Towers, Hospital Hill, Upper Hill, PO Box 49712, Nairobi 00100. Deadline: 4/8/2015

Kenya Veterinary Vaccines Production Institute

Provision of quality management system (ISO 9001: 2008 certification)
Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 53260, Nairobi 00200 – deposit in tender box at institute's headquarters, off Enterprise Road in Industrial Area
Deadline: 18/8/2015

Lake Victoria South Water Services Board

Supply and delivery of non-revenue water material (meters, valves, fittings, etc)
Deadline: 6/8/2015

Nairobi Technical Training Institute

Provision of design and printing services

Secretary, Board of Management, PO Box 30039, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box at entrance, main administration block
Deadline: 7/8/2015

Reserved for youth, women and people with disabilities.

National Construction Authority

Supply, delivery, installation, testing and commissioning of ICT infrastructure – unified communication, security solution and structured cabling work
Executive Director, first floor, Hill Plaza, Ngong Road, PO Box 21046, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box in same area
Deadline: 10/8/2015

Mariari Girls Secondary School

Construction of dormitory, toilets and classrooms
Tender Committee Chairman, PO Box 2159, Embu
Deadline: 11/8/2015

Lake Victoria South Water Services Board

Consultancy for accompanying measures
Lake Victoria South Water Services Board, Lavictors House, off Ring road, Milimani, PO Box 3325, Kisumu 40100 – deposit in tender box in same building
Send CD with PDF copy to KfW Office Nairobi, Att: Program Manager – Water, Riverside Westlane, PO Box 52074, Nairobi 00200
Deadline: 7/8/2015

Kenya Forestry Research Institute (Kefri)

Consultancy for design and supervision of construction of resource center and office block
Director, PO Box 20412, Nairobi 00200; or deposit in tender box at director's office, Kefri headquarters, Muguga
Deadline: 5/8/2015

Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK)

Provision of cleaning and fumigation services
Registrar, Kabarnet Lane, off Ngong Road, PO Box 20056, Nairobi 00200 – deposit in tender box at NCK cash office
Deadline: 14/8/2015

More information: www.nckkenya.com

Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board

Supply and delivery of general office stationery
Deadline: 4/8/2015. Reserved for youth, women and persons with disabilities.
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Parliamentary Service Commission

Provision of service maintenance and support services for conventional press (colour quick master 46 heidelberg press (2), guillotine polar 7ses and rollen creasing machine)
Clerk of the Senate/Secretary, PO Box 41842, Nairobi 00200; or deposit in tender box on 10th floor, Protection House, Parliament Road
Deadline: 7/8/2015

Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority

Provision of staff medical insurance cover
Ag Chief Executive Officer, first floor, Britam Centre, Upper Hill, PO Box 25089, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box on first floor, Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority office. Deadline: 4/8/2015

Nacada

Provision of taxi services
Chief Executive Officer, 18th floor, block A, eastern wing, NSSF Building, PO Box 10774, Nairobi 00100 – deposit in tender box in same area
Deadline: 5/8/2015. Reserved for youth, women and persons with disabilities.

Kenya Medical Laboratory Technicians and Technologists Board

Consultancy in preparation of in vitro diagnostics regulatory framework
Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 20889, Nairobi 00202; or deposit in tender box written TENDER BOX on fourth floor, ACK Garden House, 1st Ngong Avenue. Deadline: 4/8/2015 <http://www.kmlttb.org>

Kenya Urban Roads Authority

Construction of Waiyaki Way – Red Hill link road to bitumen standard. Deadline: 5/8/2015
More information: www.kura.go.ke and supplier.treasury.go.ke

COUNTY

Mandera County Assembly

Supply and delivery of tyres, tubes and automotive batteries
Clerk, PO Box 408, Mandera 70300; or deposit in tender box at Assembly's entrance
Deadline: 15/8/2015
Preference will be given to youth, women and persons with disabilities
More information: www.manderaassembly.go.ke

Kericho County Assembly

Supply and delivery of communication equipment
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015

County Assembly of Marsabit

Provision of medical insurance cover for MCAs and staff.
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500; or deposit in tender box at County Aseembly
Deadline: 10/8/2015

County Government of Busia

Construction of governor's official residence
County Secretary, PO Private Bag, Busia; or deposit in tender box on ground floor, governor's office
Deadline: 10/8/2015

Embu County Government

Supply of cleaning and sanitation items
County Secretary, PO Box 36, Embu 60100 – deposit in tender box at reception, governor's office, Embu-Meru road
Deadline: 13/8/2015

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Samburu County Government

Preparation of county's spatial plan (2015-2025)
County Secretary, PO Box 3, Maralal 20600 – deposit in tender box at treasury
Deadline: 12/8/2015

Kericho County Assembly

Provision of binding and printing services
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015

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County Assembly of Marsabit

Supply and delivery of mineral water
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500; or deposit in tender box at County Asembly
Deadline: 10/8/2015
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County Government of Trans Nzoia

Prequalification of suppliers for provision of goods, services and work for financial year 2015-2017
County Secretary, PO Box 4211, Kitale 30200; or deposit in tender box at county yard – supply chain management office
Deadline: 13/8/2015
Youth, women and persons with disabilities encouraged to apply
More information: www.transnzoia.go.ke

Nairobi City County

Construction of mixed-use multilevel car park at junction of Taifa Road and Harambee Avenue, sandwiched between Reinsurance Plaza, Uchumi, Electricity and Jogoo houses within central business district under public-private partnership contract.
Deadline: 4/8/2015

County Assembly of Marsabit

Supply and delivery of cleaning material
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500; or deposit in tender box at County Asembly
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Mandera County Assembly

Supply and delivery of bottled drinking water, soda and other refreshment
Clerk, PO Box 408, Mandera 70300; or deposit in tender box at Assembly's entrance

Deadline: 15/8/2015
Preference will be given to youth, women and persons with disabilities
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Uasin Gishu County Assembly

Provision of medical insurance scheme
Clerk, PO Box 100, Eldoret 30100 – deposit in tender box at Assembly's main entrance
Deadline: 20/8/2015

Kericho County Assembly

Supply of miscellaneous office supplies
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015
Reserved for persons with disabilities

Nairobi City County

Cash office management
County Secretary, PO Box 30075, Nairobi 00100; or deposit in tender box outside procurement office, first floor, City Hall Annexe
Deadline: 10/8/2015

Mandera County Assembly

Supply and delivery of office curtains and fittings
Clerk, PO Box 408, Mandera 70300; or deposit in tender box at Assembly's entrance
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More information: www.manderaassembly.go.ke

County Assembly of Marsabit

Supply and delivery of newspapers and periodicals
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500
Deadline: 10/8/2015
More information: www.assembly.marsabit.go.ke

Nairobi City County

Provision of supply chain management services at Pumwani Maternity Hospital
Deadline: 3/8/2015
More information: www.nairobicity.go.ke

County Government of Busia

Construction of county headquarters
County Secretary, PO Private Bag, Busia; or deposit in tender box on ground floor, governor's office
Deadline: 10/8/2015

Embu County Government

Supply of fruits and vegetables
County Secretary, PO Box 36, Embu 60100 – deposit in tender box at reception, governor's office, Embu-Meru Road.
Deadline: 13/8/2015
Reserved for youth, women and persons with disabilities

Mandera County Assembly

Prequalification for supply and delivery of cleaning material
Clerk, PO Box 408, Mandera 70300; or deposit in tender box at Assembly's entrance
Deadline: 15/8/2015
Preference will be given to youth, women and persons with disabilities.
More information: www.manderaassembly.go.ke

County Assembly of Marsabit

Supply and delivery of utensils and kitchenware
Clerk, PO Box 29, Marsabit 60500; or deposit in tender box at County Asembly
Deadline: 10/8/2015
More information: www.assembly.marsabit.go.ke

Kericho County Assembly

Supply of electrical items and appliances
Clerk, PO Box 1526, Kericho – deposit in tender box at Assembly (formerly County Council of Kipsigis)
Deadline: 17/8/2015
Reserved for persons with disabilities.

WORLD



IMMIGRANTS BIGGEST DILEMMA FOR EUROPE, SHOWS SURVEY

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BIG SUCCESS | However, the vaccine will not be available soon as researchers seek its approval

Breakthrough in Ebola fight as vaccine proves 100pc effective

None of the people injected contracted the virus, says World Health Organisation

PARIS, Saturday

An Ebola test vaccine provided blanket protection in a field trial in Guinea, researchers say, possibly heralding “the beginning of the end” for the devastating West African outbreak that has killed thousands.

The serum was 100 percent effective after a week in more than 7,600 people inoculated, according to results published in *The Lancet* medical journal and hailed as “extremely promising” by World Health Organisation (WHO) chief Margaret Chan.

The world was “on the verge of an effective Ebola vaccine,” the UN’s health agency said in a statement on Friday.

“The initial results of the study show that the vaccine can effectively contain the further spread of the Ebola virus,” said the University of Bern, which contributed to the research.

Though encouraging, the results are “interim” and the vaccine will not become immediately available as a community-wide Ebola shield, experts cautioned.

About 28,000 people have been infected in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia since late 2013, according to the WHO.

Nearly half have died, but there is thought to be a large undercount of cases and deaths.

Having brought an already fragile health sector to its knees, and driving out much-needed investment, the outbreak has started winding down but is not over.

Seven cases were confirmed the week ending in July 26 — four in Guinea and three in Sierra Leone — the lowest weekly total for over a year.

But even a single undetected case can spark a flareup — the virus spreads through direct contact with body fluids.

One of two leading vaccine candidates, VSV-ZEBOV has been developed and tested in a super-quick 12 months, compared to the normal decade or more. Ebola has no licensed cure or treatment.

The trial, backed by drug firm Merck, the WHO and the governments of Canada, Norway and Guinea, saw 4,123 high-risk people vaccinated immediately after someone close to the trial participant fell ill with the haemorrhagic fever.

None of the vaccinated group caught the virus.



RELATED STORY

S. Leone state of emergency ‘on’

Sierra Leone’s President Ernest Bai Koroma has rejected calls to lift the state of emergency in force over the Ebola disease.

“We still have to maintain the laws to stop Ebola,” the President told representatives of the All Political Parties Association at a meeting at State House on Friday.

The APPA is an association comprising all 11 registered political parties in the country. It was set up as a peace maintenance mechanism in a country that has gone through a bloody civil war.

— By Kemo Cham.

A second, comparison group of 3,528 people received the vaccine three weeks after potential exposure. Sixteen of them contracted the virus while unprotected, said the study, but by day six after inoculation, everyone in the second group was also fully shielded.

“Indeed, no vaccinee developed symptoms more than six days after vaccination, irrespective of whether vaccination was immediate or delayed,” said the study paper.

The vaccine was safe, with no serious side-effects, according to the study.

Not known is how long the pro-

Dr Francis Kateh (right) volunteers to receive a trial vaccine against Ebola at Redemption Hospital in Monrovia on February 3. The vaccine is effective.

tection lasts, or the vaccine’s effect on pregnant women and children — high risk groups not included in the trial.

The news was greeted with optimism in the Guinean capital of Conakry, where the coordinator of the country’s fight against the virus, Sakoba Keita, expressed his “supreme satisfaction” in a press conference late Friday.

“We hope that with this discovery, the stigma that we have had to deal with and the fear of this illness will end,” Keita said, while adding that existing measures aimed at preventing the virus would remain in place.

The WHO’s representative in Guinea, Mohammed Belhocine, advised caution, however.

“Given the danger of this epidemic, this is just a partial result. We should celebrate it, but must not allow our guard to drop,” he said.

The *Lancet* said the Guinea trial would continue gathering evidence of VSV-ZEBOV’s effectiveness and safety.

“The vaccine is not yet licensed. More data on efficacy are needed before it can be widely deployed,” said an editorial in the medical journal.

Even then, it may be better used not to try and prevent outbreaks, but to limit virus spread once there is a known case, and for protecting healthcare workers — the group at highest risk.

“The major problem is the very sporadic appearance of Ebola virus

in outbreaks which are unpredictable in terms of where and when they might next appear,” Andrew Easton, a virology professor at the University of Warwick, told AFP.

And the cost of mass vaccination to cover all eventualities would be prohibitive.

The trial used a so-called “ring” approach — the same used to eradicate

28,000

Number of people infected with Ebola in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia since late 2013.

smallpox in Africa in the 1970s. First to be vaccinated are people who had been in close contact with an Ebola patient, then those at a slightly more indirect risk, and so on.

“Where rings have been vaccinated... the transmission has stopped,” WHO assistant director-general Marie-Paule Kiemy told journalists in Geneva.

“Prior to the vaccination there were cases, cases, cases. The vaccination arrived, 10 days later no cases.”

For one of the trial researchers, Matthias Egger, said the trial proved not only the effectiveness of the vaccine, but also of the ring strategy.

“This could finally be the beginning of the end of the Ebola epidemic in West Africa and also be useful when combating this disease in the future,” he said. (AFP)

Cancer drug flushes out HIV, reveals new research

HIV can be flushed out of its hiding places in the body using a cancer drug, researchers show.

The cornerstone of treatment, anti-retroviral therapy, kills the virus in the bloodstream but leaves “HIV reservoirs” untouched.

The study, published in *PLoS Pathogens*, shows the drug was “highly potent” at reactivating hidden HIV.

Experts on Friday said the findings were interesting, but it was important to know if the drug was safe in patients.

The power of the HIV reservoir was shown with the case of a Mississippi baby.

She was given antiretroviral drugs at birth. Despite appearing to be free of HIV for nearly two years after stopping treatment, she was found to be harbouring the virus.

A strategy known as “kick and kill” is thought to be key to curing HIV — the kick would wake up the dormant HIV allowing the drugs to kill it.

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This study adds another family of drugs to test to potentially eliminate long-lived forms of HIV”

Prof Sharon Lewin, University of Melbourne.

The team at the UC Davis School of Medicine investigated PEP005 — one of the ingredients in a treatment to prevent cancer in sun-damaged skin.

They tested the drug in cells grown in the laboratory and in parts of the immune system taken from 13 people with HIV.

The report said “PEP005 is highly potent in reactivating latent HIV” and that the chemical represents “a new group of lead compounds for combating HIV”.

One of the researchers, Dr Satya Dandekar, said:

“We are excited to have identified an outstanding candidate for HIV reactivation and eradication that is already approved and is being used in patients.

“This molecule has great potential to advance into translational and clinical studies.”

However, the drug has still not been tested in people who are HIV-positive. (BBC)

ANALYSIS | We cannot be forced into a deadline yet the elements of the conflict are intact — Machar ally

Kiir, Machar unite in rejecting US call for speedy peace deal, sanctions

Warring factions, in a rare show of unity, ask Obama and Igad to allow them more time to talk, agree

BY AGGREY MUTAMBO
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Warring parties to the South Sudan conflict are protesting sanction threats, just a week after US President Barack Obama rallied the region to pressure leaders of the world's youngest nation into a peace deal.

Both the government under Salva Kiir and the rebels under former Vice President Riek Machar have opposed imposition of sanctions and deadlines in what could complicate search for peaceful solution.

"Peace making is a process, it is not about deadlines. We will continue to negotiate with the rebels until we arrive at the credible peace that satisfies all," Mr James P Morgan, South Sudan Deputy Head of Mission in Nairobi told the *Sunday Nation* on Friday.

"Quick-fixed solutions (sic) are the recipe of prolonging the suffering of our people. In fact, bad peace is worse than the war itself," he argued.

On his tour of East Africa last week, President Obama, who also addressed the African Union in Addis Ababa, said there "is no time left", and that the warring parties have to agree to a peace deal.

Mr Obama gathered leaders or their representatives from member states of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (Igad), a regional body that has been midwifing South Sudan peace talks since January 2014. It has recently suggested a final agreement by August 17.

"That is not how peace is negotiated. We cannot be forced into a deadline yet the elements of the conflict are still intact. This means there will be a recipe for another war. This has been the situation in South Sudan," Prof Peter Adwok, former South Sudan Education minister and who now supports Riek Machar, said on Thursday.

A senior White House Official had indicated to journalists that sanctions would be imposed if the sides fail to agree this time.

"We have supported a UN Security Council resolution that explicitly threatened an arms embargo and we think it is, in the failure of this last effort, one of the options that's right on the table," the official told reporters during a session whose rules demanded anonymity.

South Sudan, which descended into



President Salva Kiir (left) exchanges signed documents with rebel leader Riek Machar in Arusha on January 21, 2015, as Tanzania's President Jakaya Kikwete (centre) looks on. They have rejected US calls for sanctions to force them into a peace deal.

PHOTO | AFP

chaos in December 2013, has had a recent eruption of violence between rebels and government forces in northern states where oil fields are concentrated.

Despite seven ceasefire agreements being reached before, the parties have often violated them within days.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Ocha) says more than 50,000 have been killed and about two million displaced by the fighting and are in need of about \$250 (Sh25 billion) million worth of humanitarian assistance.

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Despite previous threats for sanctions, experts warn such may not lead to the parties agreeing to a long-term peace deal.

"It is important to have deadlines in any peace talks because you cannot have these talks forever. But these deadlines can be problematic because they can push parties into artificial agreements on important issues," Dr Ochieng Kamudhayi, a conflict manage-

ment expert and lecturer at the Centre for Public Policy and Competitiveness, Strathmore Business School, told the *Sunday Nation*.

"For sanctions, it is necessary to know what type to apply or even who to target. Blanket sanctions may be ignored or they may end up hurting those who are not part of the conflict. They have to be designed very carefully."

Last year, human rights organisations called for an arms embargo, but the US argues an embargo may not affect both sides since some Igad members have already taken sides.

Cord Co-Principal Kalonzo Musyoka, who once took part in mediations to create South Sudan from Sudan during the Moi regime, also warned that sanctions could worsen the conflict.

"Sanctions never work. They never worked in Cuba. The best thing for the people of South Sudan is to engage" he said.

"They will have to find a solution, but not through sanctions."

In Addis, President Obama met with leaders from Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia as well as representatives from Sudan.

South Sudan warring parties were not invited but the idea was to get a common ground for the region to push warring parties to agree to a peace deal by mid-August.

"I think at this point our view is that both parties are part of the problem and this is not an opportunity for them to have a bunch of air time. They've had many, many opportunities with the

regional leaders," the White House official added in a session with journalists aboard Air Force One.

"I think the point is to underscore that there's unity around the Igad effort and that there will be unity in the aftermath, and that if these guys aren't with the programme, they're going to face sustained and concerted pressure."

Last week, Igad published Proposed Compromise Agreement, which it argued had been endorsed by both the AU and the international community for South Sudan to have a 30-month transition government, before elections are held.

Among other proposals is the suggestion that Kiir's government retain 53 per cent of the posts, rebels take 33 per cent, former detainees seven per cent and other political parties take seven per cent.

Igad had proposed August 17 as the day the parties should sign on it but Juba immediately protested being excluded from the Obama meeting and a proposal that rebels take more than half of posts in the Greater Upper Nile region.

"That proposal is unacceptable because the people of the Greater Upper Nile will be sacrificed and handed over to the rebels. Those people are likely to rebel against that."

"These people love peace and Riek Machar only controls just two or three counties out of the 57. It is like Igad is dividing our country by handing over some parts to the rebels," Mr Morgan added.

BRIEFLY

KANO

Boko Haram, suicide bomber execute 16

A female suicide bomber and Boko Haram gunmen killed 16 people in Nigeria as the commander of a new multinational force tasked with fighting the Islamists pledged on Friday to crush the insurgency "very soon". Major-General Iliya Abba's appointment in an Abuja ceremony as chief of the 8,700-strong force came as a woman bomber on a tricycle killed six people in Maiduguri. Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari said the new task force would "lead to the speedy defeat and elimination of Boko Haram." (AFP)

BENGHAZI

IS-allied group kills five Libyan troops

Five Libyan troops loyal to the internationally recognised government were killed Friday and another 18 are missing after an attack on an eastern checkpoint allegedly carried out by the Islamic State group, a state news agency said. A military source told the LANA agency, loyal to the recognised government, that the attack was carried out by the Libyan branch of the IS on Friday. He added the attack was against a checkpoint "located on the desert road between the two cities of Ajdabiya and Tobruk." (AFP)

N'DJAMENA

MPs reinstate death penalty for terrorism

MPs in Chad have voted to reinstate the death penalty for acts of terrorism six months after it was abolished. The unanimous vote by 146 of the 189 MPs present followed recent attacks by Boko Haram Islamist militants from neighbouring Nigeria. Officials in the mainly Muslim nation have already banned the full Islamic veil in response to suicide bombings. Opposition and civil liberties groups have criticised the new anti-terror law passed on Thursday, saying it could be used to curb civil rights. (BBC)

BAMAKO

'Religious sign' pulls big crowds in Mali

Thousands of people in Mali's capital are flocking to see what it believed to a religious sign on a wall that suddenly appeared last weekend. Many believe the white image on the outside wall of a toilet shows a man praying, interpreting it as a message from God. Riot police have been deployed to keep an eye on the crowd as people queue day and night to see the mark. Most southern Malians are Tijani Muslims, a moderate sect of Sufi Islam. "We believe it is a vision of our prophet," said Mr Aliou Traore. (BBC)

Zimbabwe asks US to extradite killer of 'Cecil' the lion

Harare, Saturday

Zimbabwe on Friday called for the extradition of Walter Palmer, as AFP learnt that the Minnesota dentist and trophy hunter had posed for a photograph next to the body of Cecil the lion.

Palmer paid \$55,000 for the hunt earlier this month in which he shot the lion with a

powerful bow and arrow outside Hwange national park in western Zimbabwe.

Cecil, who had a distinctive black mane, was a popular tourist draw at the park and was wearing a tracking collar as part of an Oxford University research project.

As worldwide outrage over the shooting swelled, French actress and animal activist

Brigitte Bardot described Palmer as a "serial killer" who deserved "exemplary punishment".

Palmer has apologised

Palmer, who is being investigated by the US government over Cecil's death, has apologised and said he was misled by professional guide Theo Bronkhorst. "We are appealing

to the responsible authorities for (Palmer's) extradition to Zimbabwe so that he can be made accountable for his illegal actions," Environment Minister Oppah Muchinguri told reporters in Harare.

"It was too late to apprehend the foreign poacher as he had already absconded to his country of origin."

Bronkhorst, who organ-

ised the expedition, was granted bail by the Hwange court Wednesday after being charged with "failing to prevent an illegal hunt".

"We shot an old male lion that I believed was past his breeding age," Bronkhorst said in a telephone interview with AFP. "I don't think that I've done anything wrong." (AFP)

NEW CRISIS | Italy, Greece and Malta among the worst affected nations

Immigrants now the biggest headache for Europe, reveals poll

Worries over rising arrivals from Africa and Middle East rank higher than economic woes

KABUL, Saturday

Immigration is the main concern of Europeans, ahead of economic problems and unemployment, according to a new opinion poll released by the European Commission.

A similar poll last November had the economic situation, employment, and public deficits top of the list.

Since then immigration has been a hot topic, with Italy, Greece and Malta having to deal with unprecedented arrivals by sea from Africa and the Middle East.

The latest flashpoint is in Calais, northern France, where each day hundreds of migrants attempt to sneak across to Britain via the Channel tunnel.

According to the study, released on Friday, 38 percent of respondents across the European Union cited immigration as their top concern.

This issue is “now way ahead” of the economic situation which was the foremost issue for 27 percent of the people polled, and unemployment (24 percent), the

study said. “It is the number one most frequently cited concern in 20 Member States reaching peaks in Malta (65 percent) and Germany (55 percent).”

The “expectations for the economy are improving and support for the euro remains stable,” according to the findings of the “Spring 2015 Standard Eurobarometer” poll.

Concern for terrorism at EU level has also increased significantly since November, up six points to 17 percent.

1,000

Number of illegal immigration attempts that French police stopped Friday

In Italy, where tens of thousands of migrants have fled aboard rickety boats across the Mediterranean, immigration was the top concern for 43 percent of people.

According to the study, the number of Europeans who say



DIMITAR DILKOFF | AFP

Migrants from Nis, Afghanistan, heading to Europe sleep on a train as they travel to Belgrade, early on July 18.

they have a positive image of the EU has risen from 39 percent last November to 41 percent in May, with only 19 percent having a negative image.

The poll was conducted through face-to-face interviews in May with more than 30,000 people across the EU’s member states and candidate countries.

This came as French police said they had prevented more than 1,000 desperate attempts by migrants to get into Britain via the Channel Tunnel, as London vowed further measures to tackle the crisis. “More than 1,000 attempts were thwarted last night, with around 30 arrests,” the source said, adding there were no reports of migrants injured in their bid to enter the undersea tunnel linking

France and Britain.

Police reinforcements appeared to be having an impact, as the number of nightly attempts to penetrate the Eurotunnel premises has roughly halved since its peak at the beginning of the week.

France has sent 120 additional police officers to the northern port city of Calais to stem the crisis, as the number of deaths since June reached 10.

One man died in the early hours of Wednesday, apparently crushed by a lorry as he tried to make it into the tunnel.

A spokesman for Eurotunnel said there had been “much less disruption” since the reinforcements arrived to bolster the 300 police already stationed in the city. (AFP)

Bin Laden kin die in London plane disaster

LONDON, Saturday

Members of Osama Bin Laden’s family were among the victims in the crash of a private jet in Britain, the Saudi embassy in London said today in a message of condolences.

Four people died when the Saudi Arabia-registered plane ploughed into a car auction site and burst into flames in southern England on Friday.

Local police said the pilot and three passengers died when the Phenom 300 jet attempted to land at Blackbushe Airport in Hampshire and that no one was injured on the ground.

The Saudi ambassador “offered his condolences to the sons of the late Mohammed bin Laden and their relations for the grave incident of the crash of the plane carrying members of the family at Blackbushe airport,” read a statement posted on the embassy’s official Twitter account.

It did not confirm the identities of those killed.

The embassy also said it would work with British authorities to investigate the incident and repatriate the bodies for burial in Saudi Arabia.

Osama Bin Laden’s father Mohammed was a construction industry magnate and his numerous descendants constitute a prominent family with wide-ranging business interests. (AFP)

MH370 MYSTERY | Debris set for analysis in France



Police officers escort an airport vehicle transporting what is believed to be debris from a Boeing 777 plane that washed up on an Indian Ocean island at Saint-Marie’s airport in Reunion Island on July 31, 2015. The debris was flown to France on Saturday for analysis. The plane vanished with 239 people on board.

RICHARD BOUHET | AFP

Clinton is ‘healthy, wealthy and fit to rule’

WASHINGTON, Saturday

Hillary Clinton is healthy and “fit to serve” as US president, her doctor affirmed Friday, as the Democratic White House frontrunner also revealed details about her family’s substantial personal wealth.

Tax data released by Clinton’s campaign show she and husband Bill Clinton, the former president, paid a massive \$57.5 million in taxes since 2007.

Clinton did not release income figures, but by extrapolating her annual combined tax rate of about 40 percent

over the period — she stated their 2013 tax rate at 44.6 percent and 2014 at 45.8 percent, the highest rate — it is clear the Clintons took in well over \$100 million in eight years.

Effects of concussion

Physician Lisa Bardack of Mount Kisco Medical Group in New York said Clinton, 67, was enjoying a healthy lifestyle and has fully recovered from the effects of a concussion suffered in 2012 — an incident which had prompted questions about her health.

“She is in excellent physical condition and fit to serve as president of the

United States,” Bardack stated in a letter distributed by the Clinton team.

Her campaign said that by providing the data, Clinton became “the first presidential candidate in this election cycle” to release his or her health information. It offered details of Clinton’s traumatic head injury in December 2012 when, according to the doctor, Clinton “suffered a stomach virus after travelling, became dehydrated, fainted, and sustained a concussion.”

Republican Jeb Bush released 33 years of tax returns in late June, showing he made \$29 million since 2007. (AFP)

New Taliban leader calls for unity

Kabul, Saturday

New Taliban leader Mullah Akhtar Mansour today called for unity in the movement in his first audio message since becoming head of the group that faces deepening splits following the death of longtime chief Mullah Omar.

Barely a few hours after Mansour’s appointment was announced on Friday, powerful rivals within the fractious Taliban questioned the selection process, saying it was rushed and even biased.

Mansour’s comments are apparently aimed at fending off the emerging risk of the group splintering into factions at a time when there is growing discord over the direction of peace talks with the Afghan government.

“We should all work to preserve unity. Division in our ranks will only please our enemies, and cause further problems for us,” Mansour said in the audio recording posted on the Taliban website.

The 33-minute recording was released from an undisclosed location. (AFP)

BRIEFLY

YANGON

Heavy rains kill 27 in Myanmar

Severe flooding across Myanmar hampered rescue efforts on Saturday as thousands sheltered at monasteries after rising waters triggered by torrential rains killed at least 27 people, officials said. Heavy monsoon rain has battered vast swathes of the country in recent weeks, decimating tens of thousands of homes and fields and leaving people stranded in remote villages in a disaster testing the government’s limited relief operations. “Most of the country is flooded now,” said a director at the social welfare ministry who did not want to be named. (AFP)

BEIRUT

Al-Qaeda-led court executes 10 in Syria

At least 10 people were executed on Saturday in Syria’s Aleppo city on the orders of a religious court dominated by Al-Qaeda affiliate Al-Nusra Front, a monitor said. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said two of the executed were accused of adultery, with the rest accused of collaboration with the Syrian government. The executions, in the eastern Aleppo neighbourhood of Shaar, were ordered by a religious court that includes several conservative rebel groups but is dominated by Al-Nusra Front. All 10 men were shot dead, the Observatory said. (AFP)

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Celebrating a Life well Lived

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the untimely death of Mariamu Wangige Zakayo after a short illness, on 28th July, 2015. Wife of the late Zakayo Gakono Karu and Co-wife of Tabitha Zakayo and late Cecily Zakayo. Loving Mother of the late Joseph Mwai Karu. Mother in law of Bertha W. Mwai. Step mother of Wanjohi, Wangithi, Maina, Waruguru, Wanjiru and others. Loving Aunt of Nancy (Mama Koro), Leonard Bundi, John, Martin, Lydia, and Janet amongst others. Beloved grandma of Jennifer Oburu, Denis Karu, Jackie Mwai - Ndambuki, Diana Cowman, Christine Mwai and a great grandmother of many.



Funeral meetings are being held daily in her home at Mugwandi, Kirinyaga county and in Kibiku, Ngong.

The Cortege will leave Mt. Kenya Funeral Home, Kibingo, on 04th August 2015 at 9.00 a.m., thereafter the burial will be at her home in Mugwandi, Kirinyaga County.

Mariamu Wangige Zakayo

In everything we give thanks to God.

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the untimely death of Caleb Mutiso Ngei of Kiumi village, Kitundu Sub-location, Mbooni west District after a brave battle with his illness on 26th July 2015. He was an Aeronautical engineer, and worked with AIM Air Flight Company of Wilson Airport. Son of Paul Ngei Muindi and Phoebe Kavata Ngei. Brother of Mutuku Wycliffe Ngei (MKU), Morris Mutinda Ngei (MKU), Rogers Ndambo Ngei (Kabaa High Sch.), Ndanu Ngei and Mutuli Ngei. Cousin of Kiinda Malika, Mwalyo Malika, Bob Malika, Lilian Malika, Musembi Dorminic, Nzioki Dorminic, Mutunga Dorminic, Mutinda Peter (Britain), Mutiso Peter (Britain), Ndunge Peter (Britain), Nduku Ingo (Germany), Kavithe Dorminic (Germany), Mutheu Mbithi, Ndunge Mbithi, Grace Mbithi, Muindi Mbithi, Mwaka Mbithi, Muuo Mbithi, Tony Dickson, Faith Dickson, Lina Dickson among others. Grandson of Joseph Muindi, Mukulu Muindi, Mwendwa Mwaniki and Muniyva Mwendwa. His uncles are Joyce Ndinda Musau, Annaciata Peter (Britain), Mbithe Malika (Britain), Eunice Dorminic and Mbasa Dickson (Kericho). Family and Friends are meeting daily at Dandora (Nairobi) and Kiume village in Mbooni West District from 5:00pm. The cortege leaves Montezuma Monalisa Funeral Home (Machakos) on Tuesday 4th August 2015 at 8:00am for Burial at his Father's Home Kiumi village, Kitundu Sub-location, Mbooni West District. May God Rest His Soul in Eternal Peace till we meet Again, Amen.



Caleb Mutiso Ngei
12/09/1986 – 26/07/15

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's glory that we announce the promotion to glory of Cucu Naomi Njeri Kibe on Sunday 26th July 2015.

Wife of the late Kibe Karanja. Mother of Lucy Wanjeri Karanja (Nana), the late Rachael Wambui Mburu, Julius K. Kibe formerly of TSC, and Sophia Burunje Kibe. Mother in love of the Late Karanja Muiruri, Jack Mburu and Mary Njeri Kibe. Grandmother of Regina Njoki, Stephen Muiruri, Irene Waithira (Nairobi Hospital), Simon Mburu (USA), Rose Ndumbi (USA), Alex Kibe, Kibe Karanja (Technical University), Hellen Kibe and Rose Kibe (Amboseli Institute), among many others.

Prayers are taking place at her home daily from 4pm at Thiririka, Kimunyu, Gatundu South. The cortege leaves Kenyatta University mortuary on Tuesday 4th August 2015 at 9am. Burial service will take place at P.C.E.A Kimunyu Church, Gatundu at 11.00am. Burial will take place at her Thiririka Farm, Kimunyu Village, Gatundu South.

2 Tim 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith".



Cucu Naomi Njeri Kibe

Celebrating a Life Well Lived

The Little Daughters of St. Joseph, with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will, announce the passing on of Sr. Hannah Wambui which occurred on Monday, 29/7/2015 in Italy after a brave fight with leukemia.

Daughter of Barnabas Mbatia and Teresia Nyambura of Passenga, Ol Kalou, Nyandarua County. Sister of the late John Kariuki, Zacharia Kimani, Right Reverend Bishop Joseph Mbatia of Catholic Diocese of Nyahururu, the late Mary Njeri, Peter Maina and Francis Githii and many step brothers and sisters. Aunt of many. There will be a requiem Mass on Saturday, 1st August 2015 at North Kinangop Catholic Hospital Chapel at 3:00pm. Funeral Mass and burial on Monday 3rd August 2015 at Little Daughters of St. Joseph's Convent, North Kinangop, at 10:00am.

Sr. Hannah, you have fought a good fight and kept the faith.

May you rest in eternal peace.

11/12/1989 - First Religious Profession, 29/11/1997 Perpetual Profession



Sr. Hannah Wambui

Celebrating a great life

We regret to announce the death of Mary Muthoni (Kathingia) of Amung'eti village. Wife of Festus Michubu Muriki. Daughter of Nderitu Murungi and Rachael Ngonyo. Loving mother of Lawi Muthomi, Dickson Kinyua, Emma Kamathi, Justin Gitonga and Eric Munene (NHIF, Kiambu). Sister of Salome Wamuyu, Hellen Nyamiru, Ntonjira Nderitu, Charity Wanjiru, Andrew Kiunga, Richard Kithinji, Francis Njau, Muthoni and Margaret Mumbi. Mother in law of Joanina Mukoiti, Pricilla Kanario Anthony Muthuri, Stella Ciomati and Maggy Ndinda. Grandma of Risper, Thuraniira, Kinya, Glory, Mwenda, Mark, Gacheri, Mwende, Mukami, Alexia, Karani and Stephany Karimi. Daily prayers are being held at her Amung'eti home, Nyambene Lodge Maua and County Farmers Hotel Kiambu.

The cortege leaves Maua Methodist Hospital Mortuary on Tuesday 4th August 2015 for funeral mass at Amung'eti Catholic Church and thereafter burial rites at her home.

I have fought a good fight I have finished the course, I have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7)



Mary Muthoni (Kathingia)

Promotion To Glory

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Edward Waiguru Muya of Kenyatta University, which occurred on Wednesday 29th / July / 2015 at Nairobi hospital.

Beloved son of the late John Muya and Esther Wangeci. Son-In-Law of the late Mwangi Mukuria and the late Rosemary Mwangi. Beloved Husband of Mercy Munjiru Waiguru. Loving Father of Dr. Estella Wangeci of The National Spinal Injury Hospital, John Muya of Nation Media Group Mombasa, and Brian Mwangi of Leeds University. Father-In-Law of John Ireri Muchira of Home Health Education Service. Brother of Zaweria Wanjiru Kamau, the late Jane Wambui King'aru, Julius Kibathi Muya, Grace Wanjiku Kienje, Davis Kamuri, the late Geoffery Mwangi and the late Bedan Githua. Brother-In-Law of many. Cousin of Prof. Macharia Munene of USIU, and many others. Uncle of many and grandfather to Amaris Njoki Ireri, among others.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily for prayers and funeral arrangements at The All Saints Cathedral starting at 5.30 p.m. There are also on-going meetings at his Karen home, Nairobi as well as his rural home at kwa mbari ya Kamuri within Githiga village, Kangema subcounty, Murang'a county.

There will be a Memorial Service at Kenyatta University on Wednesday 5th August 2015 in the Protestant Chapel from 10.00 a.m.

The cortege will leave Lee Funeral Home on Thursday 6th August 2015 for a funeral service at The All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi from 10.00 am. Afterwards the burial will take place at Langata Cemetery Nairobi.



Edward Waiguru Muya
1950 - 2015

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." (Ecc 3:1).

We are thankful for the years God gave us together.

Death and Funeral Announcement

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Bonfide Group of Companies regret to announce the passing on of our Chairman Mr. Medad Ngunjiri Githaiga on July 28, 2015 after a long illness bravely borne.

Son of the late Gibson Kuria Githaiga and the late Rose Nyothaya Githaiga. He leaves behind his beloved wife Helen Wangui Githaiga, sons Joseph Wambugu and Andrew Kuria, daughters Catherine Wangari and Anne Muthoni, and grandchildren Christian Kagombe Nderu and Makena Wangui Seii-Githaiga.

Beloved brother of the late Manasseh Wahinya, Loise Wangeci, Mary Wambui and Miriam Nyawira Mathanjuki.

Son-in-law of the late Joseph Wambugu Mathini and the late Zelipha Muthoni Wambugu. Brother-in-law of the Wambugus of Mutaathini, Nyeri County and Joseph Mathanjuki. Uncle, granduncle and great-granduncle of many.

A dear friend and mentor to many.

A Memorial Service will be held today Sunday August 02, 2015 at 2.00 pm at PCEA St Andrews Church Nairobi.

The cortege leaves Kenyatta University Funeral Home at 7.30 am on Tuesday August 04, 2015 for a funeral service at PCEA Miagayuni Church in Nyeri at 10.30 am. Burial shall follow thereafter at the Githaiga family home.

Medad was a Great Inspiration and Mentor to the Board and Management of Bonfide Group of Companies and his Leadership shall be greatly missed.
Rest in Peace Chairman!



Medad Ngunjiri Githaiga
(1947-2015)



NATIONAL TRIALS | Rudisha beaten to second place in explosive 800m race

Kamworor wants Farah showdown



CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION
VICTORY IS MINE! Ferguson Rotich celebrates winning the 800m men's final ahead of the great David Rudisha (right) during the Kenya Trials yesterday at Kasarani.

World cross country champ wins 10,000m, shifts attention to the star British runner

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World Cross Country gold medallist Geoffrey Kamworor yesterday won men's 10,000m at the national trials and immediately declared that Mo Farah is beatable in Beijing. Kamworor said that together with world cross silver winner Bedan Karoki and Moscow World championship 10,000m bronze medallist Paul Tanui, they were capable of

also winning in Beijing. Kamworor led the other two in that order in the 10,000m final at the Kasarani Stadium yesterday. He clocked 27min,11.89sec followed by Karoki on 27:15.33 and Tanui (27:18.45). The race saw the top six athletes run inside the world championships qualifying time of 27:45.0. After the race, Kamworor said the conversation that spectators witnessed between him, Karoki and Tanui was an agreement between them to exchange the lead to keep the pace constant. With Mercy Cherono opting out of 5,000m for 1,500m, Viola Kibiwott carried the day in 15:42.58. Behind was Irene Chebet Cheptai, 15:42.98 and Janet Khisa was third 15:44.77. The runners finished outside the world championship qualifying time

of 15:20.0 but 11 of the top finishers were inside the All Africa Games qualification time. The men's 5,000m event was easily won by veteran Edwin Soi in 13:30.83 after taking the lead with 300m to go. Emmanuel Mutai who had done most of the donkey work in the race was rewarded with a second place finish in 13:33.84. Isaiah Kiplagat was third in 13:41.19. Surprisingly absent was Caleb Ndiku Mwangangi. The national trials ended with two major upsets where two big names in athletics, David Rudisha and Ezekiel Kemboi were beaten. Three time 3,000m steeple chase world champion Kemboi was beaten to fourth place in a race won by Diamond League leader Jairus Birech in 8:19.55 However Kemboi was named

SUMMARISED RESULTS	
20km walk women;	Grace Wanjiru 1:39:53, Grace Thoithi 1:44:44, Judith Cherop 1:53:09, Ruth Wangui 2:00:47, Milka Wanjia 2:07:56.
20km walk men;	Samuel Kirera Gathimba 1:23:12, Simon Wachira 1:23:45, David Kimutai 1:24:41, Sylvanus Wekesa 1:29:31, Erick Shikuku 1:31:11, Simon Misangu 1:32:36, Joseph Gitau 1:33:42, Peter Theuri 1:36:16, Samuel Kibet 1:38:20, Josephat Kimaiyo 1:42:07, John Lenamao 1:49:30, Josephat Kiprono 1:51:39
10,000m women;	Vivian Cheruiyot 32:58.4, Betsy Saina 32:59.2, Joyce Chepkurui 33:00.1, Gladys Chesir 33:00.9, Agnes Tirop 33:14.9, Rebecca Chesir 33:16.2, Beatrice Mutai 33:25.2, Pauline Korikwang 33:32.8, Jackline Chepng'eno 34:01.6.
10,000m men;	Geoffrey Kipsang Kamworor 27:11.89, Bedan Karoki 27:15.33, Paul Tanui 27:18.45, Vicent Yator 27:33.45, Leonard Barsoton 27:35.75, Geoffrey Kirui 27:42.66, James Ruguru 27:50.09, William Sitonik 27:54.35, Stephen Arita 27:55.17, Charles Yosei 29:02.54.
High Jump (men);	Mathew Sawe 2.25 (national record), Amos Kipsaina 2.05, Nicnor Cheruiyot 2.05, Sammy Koeh 2.00, Samuel Macharia 1.90.
Triple jump (men);	Elijah Kimitei 16.63, Tera Lagat 16.30, Isaac Kirwa 16.07, Kiplagat Ruto 16.04, Edward Kiplimo 15.86, Geoffrey Leitch 15.67, Jockthan Kiyegon 15.07.
100m men (Hand timed);	Mike Mokamba 9.9, Mark Otieno 10.1, Tony Chirchir 10.2, Gilbert Otieno 10.4, Emmanuel Lentukunye 10.6, Simon Kimaru 10.9, Brian Gatura 11.1, Philip Ngwono 11.2
100m women (hand timed);	Eunice Kadogo 11.2, Milcent Ndoro 11.4, fresa Mwangi 11.5, monicah Zaphania 11.8, Safina Mukoswa 12.0, Mary Tanui 12.3, Diana Khaemba 12.4, Elizabeth Nekesa 12.5.
400mH (men);	Nicholas Bett 48.29, Leonard Mucheru 49.24, Haron Koeh 49.50, Kiprono Koeki 49.84, Willy Mbevi 50.00, Geoffrey Kipkoeh 50.46, Vicent Koskei 53.21, Valentine Wesonga 58.29.
100mH women (hand timed);	Priscila Tabunda 14.0, Florence Wasike 14.7, Veronichah Chebet 15.0, Jackline Cheruto 17.0
200m men;	Mike Mokamba 20.48, Carvin Nkanata 20.82, Peter Mwai 20.90, Elisha Kibichil 21.04, Stanley Kieti 21.31, Collins Omae 21.50, Boniface Khagat 21.70.
200m (women);	Eunice Kadogo 23.66, Maurine

Wild cards for Kemboi, Mwangangi in 47-strong Kenya team

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Olympics and World 3,000m steeplechase champion, Ezekiel Kemboi, and Diamond League 5,000m champion, Caleb Mwangangi, are among the athletes who were given wild cards to the World Championships. Athletics Kenya vice president in charge of competitions, David Okeyo, named the athletes in a squad of 47 athletes, who will represent Kenya in the World Championships due for August 22 to 30 in Beijing, China. President Uhuru Kenyatta wit-

nessed the explosive trials and later challenged the team to produce better results than what they achieved in Moscow 2013. The World trials were a culmination of the Safaricom-sponsored Athletics Kenya National Track and Field events. Safaricom pumped in Sh 120m in this year's events. Also handed wild cards were the 2012 London Olympics 10,000m Sally Kipyego, World 5,000m silver medallist, Mercy Cherono and World 5,000m bronze medallist, Isaiah Kiplangat. Top two in each race were handed automatic tickets to Beijing.

TEAM KENYA FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ATHLETICS	
Men:	Kipruto, Brimin Kipruto, Ezekiel Kemboi
Javelin:	Julius Yego
200m:	Mike Mokamba, Carvin Nkanata
400m:	Alphas Kishoiyan
400m hurdles:	Nicholas Bett, Boniface Mucheru, Haron Koeh
800m:	Ferguson Rotich, David Rudisha, Alfred Kipketer
1,500m:	Asbel Kiprop, Silas Kiplangat, Elijah Manangoi
5,000m:	Edwin Soi, Emmanuel Kipsang, Isaiah Kiplangat, Caleb Mwangangi
10,000m:	Geoffrey Kamworor, Bedan Karoki, Paul Tanui
3,000m steeplechase:	Jairus Birech, Conselus

Young Mokamba wins 200m to earn Beijing slot

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Classy Kenyan champion, Mike Mokamba edged out national record holder, US-based Carvin Nkanata to win the 200m race during the World Championships trials at Kasarani yesterday. Mokamba, 19, eased to victory in a personal best of 20.48 seconds, which was the fastest time on Kenyan soil. Nkanata, who holds the Kenyan record of 20.14, clocked 20.82 to settled for second as Peter Mwai came in third in 20.90. The performances were enough to see Mokamba and Nkanata claim the World Championships slots having surpassed the qualifying mark of 20.50. Mokamba, who is the national 100m champion and record holder (10.23) timed 20.50 to win at the Nationals two weeks ago and make the Worlds' time. Mwai's performance placed him in the team for the African Games where Mokamba and Nkanata will compete too after the World Championships due August 22 to 30 in Beijing, China. "It feels great to make the World Championships," said Mokamba, who

“My dream is to reach the final in Beijing and go on to win a medal at the African Games”

Mike Mokamba, 200m National Trials winner

appealed to Athletics Kenya to help them secure a low altitude training camp probably at Nkanata's base in Florida, USA. "The Likes of Alphas Kishoiyan of 400m improved greatly after he trained briefly in Florida before the nationals," said Mokamba, who hopes to represent Kenya strongly in Beijing. "My dream is to reach the final in Beijing and go on to win a medal at the African Games." Mokamba said he will polish on his starts before the World Championships. "I think that is where my weakness is. My entire race is cool but I need to up my reaction off the block," said Mokamba. Nkanata was elated with the experience of competing in Kenya for the first time. "The heavy weather could have affected my performance but I am happy to represent my country again," said Nkanata, who reached the semi-finals at the Commonwealth Games and won bronze at the Africa Championships last year. "Mokamba is an incredible athlete but I am sure Kenya can produce more if more athletes are exposed," said Nkanata, who is targeting a final appearance in Beijing and winning gold at the African Games. The women's fell short in qualifying for the World Championships with Eunice Kadogo returning 23.66 and Maurine Thomas 23.82. National champ and record holder Joyce Sakari did not take part in the trials.

RALLYING

Finland's Jari-Matti Latvala marginally extended his overnight lead after the first four specials yesterday at the Rally of Finland. The VW Polo-R driver won stages SS11 and SS14 to hold a three-second advantage on Sebastien Ogier.

KENYAN PREMIER LEAGUE

3-2

KCB's victory over Thika United yesterday at the Thika County Stadium.

TENNIS

Nadal sets up Fognini rematch in Humburg

Top seed Rafael Nadal won through to the final of the claycourt tournament in Hamburg yesterday with a comfortable 6-1, 6-2 semi-final win against Andreas Seppi of Italy. Nadal, 29, will meet another Italian in today's final, with 32nd-ranked Fabio Fognini beating French youngster Lucas Pouille 6-2, 7-6 (7/2) in the other last-four showdown. Fognini, seeded eighth, is a familiar foe for the Spaniard, having already beaten Nadal twice this season in Rio de Janeiro and Barcelona.

CRICKET

England call Plunkett for Test

England have added pace bowlers Liam Plunkett and Mark Footitt to a 14-man squad announced Saturday for next week's fourth Ashes Test against Australia at Trent Bridge. Yorkshire quick Plunkett, who played the last of his 13 Tests against India in July 2014, and uncapped Derbyshire left-arm Footitt were included after spearhead James Anderson was ruled out with a side injury.

SCHOOLS NATIONALS | Top two teams in all disciplines book tickets to East Africa games

Passenga, Wiyeta lift football titles as championships end



Passenga players celebrate after beating Laiser Hill in boys' football finals at the Airtel Rising Stars secondary schools Term Two 'B' national games at Machakos yesterday.

MARTIN MUKANGU | NATION

Aberdare region team beats Laiser Hill in boys' final as Nzoia representatives hit Kobala in girls' decider

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Passenga Boys from Aberdare region and Wiyeta Girls from Nzoia region yesterday won football titles as the Airtel Rising Stars secondary schools Term Two 'B' national games came to an end at Machakos Boys School.

Passenga beat Metropolitan's Region Laiser Hill 1-0 in hard-fought boys' final while Wiyeta edged Kobala Girls from Lake Region 1-0 in the girls' final to be crowned the new champions.

John Avire's sixth-minute strike settled the pulsating final as Passenga made history by becoming the first school from Aberdare region to win boys' national football title since the games started in 1970.

Passenga, who had eliminated Lake region's Kisumu Day 4-3 on post-match penalties in the semi-finals, avenged their 2-1 loss to Laiser Hill in the preliminaries. Laiser Hill on their part beat Kathungi from Highlands region 2-0 in their last four encounter.

Avire attributed his team's success to team work and fighting spirit that carried them

all through the week-long tourney.

"It is an amazing feeling to win the title, we have worked hard despite not hitting the top gear. We gave it our all, rode our luck at times but in the end we are the champions and now we can celebrate our hardwork," Avire who finished on four goals told Sunday Nation Sport.

Avire scored with his team's first attack of the game finishing off a sweeping move as he fired past Laiser Hill keeper Samuel Wanjema. Laiser Hill with Musa Masika, skipper Flavius Chamla and Kennedy Owino in attack tried to find their way back in the game but were thwarted by the Passenga defence.

Masika hit the post in the 35th minute with a ferocious shot that had beaten Passenga keeper Daniel Likoko. The half ended with Laiser dominating but Passenga had the all-important goal. Laiser Hill continued

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We have worked hard despite not hitting the top gear. We gave it our all, rode our luck at times but in the end we are the champions and now we can celebrate our hardwork”

John Avre, Pessanga player

to press after the break and had the ball in the back of the net in the 67th minute when Owino headed home but his goal was disallowed for off-side.

Laiser Hill sent bodies forward in search of the equaliser but the Passenga defence stood firm as they held out for the famous win.

"The early goal affected our game plan and we tried our best in trying to find the equaliser but it was not to be. I am proud of my boys, they gave their all and we live to fight another day. We will come back stronger in the regional games in Rwanda," said Laiser Hill coach John Mwaura.

In the girls' final, Judith Musimbi's 64th minute penalty gave Wiyeta their sixth national title and their first since 2008 when they beat Archbishop Njenga in the final which was also played in Machakos.

Wiyeta had initially failed to make the semi-finals but won an appeal against St John's Kaloleni from Coast region who fielded an over age player. Wiyeta beat Aberdare Region's Nginda Girls 3-1 in their semis while Kobala beat 2013 national champions Olympic Girls in the other semi.

In the play-offs, Kisumu Day beat Kathungi 5-4 on penalties in the boys' encounter while Olympic beat Nginda 3-1 also on penalties in the girls' category.

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Questions linger after Kenya's poor run in volleyball tournament

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Kenya's disappointing outing at the just-concluded men's Africa Nations volleyball championship in Egypt has raised a debate on the dwindling standards in the games.

The national men's volleyball team finished second from bottom at the ten-day continental event which featured nine teams at the Cairo Sports Complex.

Kenya won only one of its five fixtures at the competi-

tion - against Botswana in the group stages. The Geoffrey Omondi-coached side lost to the tournament's eventual winners Egypt, Algeria, Rwanda and also lost a rematch against Botswana in a classification game.

Egypt won the overall title following a 3-0 (26-24, 25-18 and 25-21) win over Tunisia in the final. The two finalists will represent the continent at the FIVB World Cup in Japan in September.

Algeria also beat Morocco 3-1 (21-25, 25-19, 25-21 and 25-20) in

another North African affair to finish third at the competition.

The Kenya Volleyball Federation is at pains to explain the gulf in class between the men's and women's team.

The women's team has in the past six months won the African title and went on to lift Group Three title at the FIVB Grand Prix and has qualified for the both the All Africa Games and FIVB World Cup in Japan.

In contrast, the men's team failed to qualify for the All Africa Games, with Rwanda

grabbing the sole ticket from Zone Five. The team also came short against opposition from North, East and Southern Africa at the just-concluded Africa Nations Cup.

"The men's team has some very talented players who are, however, lacking both in terms of experience and technical ability. This is something we are seeking to work on ahead of future engagements, and that will start by keeping this team together, KVF secretary-general Evans Wasike said.

Kosirai upset Kwanthanze in girls' volleyball, Malava labour to retain boys' title



MARTIN MUKANGU | NATION

AIC Kosirai players celebrate with the trophy after beating Kwanthanze yesterday in girls' volleyball final.

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Mau Region's AIC Kosirai caused a biggest upset at the Airtel Rising Stars secondary schools Term Two 'B' national games yesterday after dethroning champions Kwanthanze Girls 3-2 sets in a pulsating final of girls' volleyball played at Machakos School to lift their maiden national title.

In the boys' final, defending champions Malava Boys from Nzoia region retained their title after a resounding 3-0 (25-19, 27-25, 25-18) win over Metropolitan region's Hospital Hill.

Kosirai underlined their intentions of winning the national title after eliminating 22-time champions Lugulu Girls in the semi-final and completed their giant-killing act with a hard-fought 25-21, 22-25, 25-18, 15-25, 15-10 sets win over East Africa champions Kwanthanze Girls.

Kosirai's Esther Mwombe impressed for the Mau Region school with a match winning display in the thrilling encounter that attracted a huge crowd, including the national women's volleyball team captain

Bracksides Agala and coach David Lungaho.

"Our coach pushed us hard and gave us tips that helped us overcome Kwanthanze in the final. We worked hard and knew it would not be easy because they (Kwanthanze) are a good side. We now want to lift the East African title," Mwombe, younger sister of Kenya Prisons left attacker Esther Mwombe, said.

Malava thrice came from behind in their final against

“
Our coach pushed us hard and gave us tips that helped us overcome Kwanthanze in the final”
Esther Mwombe, Kosirai player

Hospital Hill to with their third national title. Cheptil from Mau Region finished third after a 3-0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-20) win over Coast region's Mivumoni in the play-offs.

Nondies and Mwamba big winners in Christie Sevens

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Kenya Harlequin and Nondescripts yesterday stunned champions Mwamba and National Sevens Series champions KCB respectively at the RFUEA grounds to reach the Christie Sevens Cup quarter-finals.

Nondies upset KCB 12-10 in pool 'A' as Quins beat Mwamba 21-7 in pool 'D' but the losers still advanced to the Cup quarters. Nondies, who also beat Western Bulls 22-0 before flooring Homeboyz 5-0, will now meet Impala Saracens, who finished second in pool 'B'. Quins, who had previously beaten Daystar 19-5 and Kisumu

58-0, will face Nakuru, who finished second in pool 'C' in the quarters.

William Ambaka, Max Theuri and Kevin Keegan scored a try each as Keegan converted to silence Mwamba yesterday at RFUEA.

Today's fixtures: (from 10:20am) Nondies v Impala; Quins v Nakuru; Strathmore v Mwamba, Kabras v KCB. **Yesterday's results:** KCB 10, Nondies 12; W Bulls 21, Thika 14; Homeboyz 19, Kabras 19; Impala 29, Machine 7; Nakuru 19, Catholic 5; Strathmore 42, Blakblad 7; Mwamba 26, Kisumu 12; Quins 19, Daystar 5; KCB 52, Thika 5; W Bulls 0, Nondies 22; Homeboyz 49, Machine 5; Impala 7, Kabras 21; Nakuru 40, Blakblad 5; Strath 34, Catholic 0; Mwamba 29, Daystar 0; Quins 58, Kisumu 0; Nondies 19, Thika 5; Kabras 30, Machine 0; Catholic 35, Blakblad 10; Kisumu 17, Daystar 5; KCB 21 W Bulls 7, Homeboyz 0, Impala 5; Nakuru 12, Strath 12; Mwamba 7, Quins 21.

1951 Citroen Big 6 dominates Uganda classic motor show



Uganda-based Bill Farmer won the Uganda Vintage and Classic Auto Show with this 1951 Citroen Big 6.

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Uganda-based motoring enthusiast, Bill Farmer, emerged the winner of Uganda Vintage and Classic Auto Show with his superbly-restored 1951 Citroen Big 6 saloon. He dominated the field of 71 cars all of which were made before 1990 in this Concours event.

The Citroen was found by Farmer in a village in Cameroon when he was working in that country. The car was a rusty wreck which had been laying derelict for many years. Spectators marvelled at the photo history

of the lengthy rebuild of the top car in the event.

The main restoration work was carried out during a stint in England and he completed the project after being transferred to Uganda. The gleaming black Citroen was the focus of attention in the grounds of the Sheraton Hotel which is the traditional venue of the Uganda Vintage and Classic Auto Show.

Alfa Romeo GTV 2000

Kenyan competitors Peter Wanday and Daniel Biwott were sponsored by Total.

Their participation was greatly appreciated by the organisers and

spectators. Peter Wanday's 1972 Alfa Romeo GTV 2000 was the first Alfa to appear in the event which was the fourth in the annual series.

He finished 21st overall and was awarded the prize for the best result achieved by an entry from outside Uganda. Daniel Biwott's 1985 Mercedes Benz took 18th place. Veteran motor sport enthusiast Bob Dewar shared the commentary with Ugandan media personalities. He worked with Peter Wanday and Daniel Biwott to interest Ugandans in the CBA Africa Concours d'Elegance that will be held at the Nairobi Race-course on September 27.

Starlets face tough outing against SA

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A daunting task awaits Kenya's Harambee Starlets this afternoon when they take on South Africa's Banyana Banyana in the second leg of their Olympic Games qualifiers at the Kenyatta Stadium in Machakos.

David Ouma's Starlets, who lost 1-0 in the first leg in Johannesburg a fortnight ago, need to win by a two-goal margin to advance to the third and final round of the qualifiers.

Kenya shifted base to Machakos yesterday after a week-long training camp in Nairobi and Ouma believes that his girls have what it takes to overcome their much fancied opponents.

"This is a crucial game but we have had good preparations. The girls are focused and the support has been great," he said. "We just want to go to the game and do our job. We know what is at stake and the aim is to qualify."

He added: "We are calling on fans to come in large numbers to support the team." To attract fans, Football Kenya Federation has opted for low gate charges with main stand tickets retailing at Sh100 while those for terrace are Sh50.

1-0

Advantage that South Africa have over Kenya in their Olympics qualifier

Ouma at the same time said that ruthlessness in front of goal will be key for his charges who did fairly well to limit the South Africans to a slim victory in Johannesburg.

Caroline Anyango and experienced Tabaka Chacha are expected to start after recovering from knocks.

Besides the duo, Ouma has also recalled custodian Samantha Akinyi, to help beef up the goalkeeping department.

Meanwhile, the South Africa – who jetted into the country on Thursday night – had a feel of the pitch on Friday behind closed doors before completing their work-out yesterday.

For the visitors, a draw of any kind would be enough to take them through to the final stage of the qualifiers where they face either Congo or Equatorial Guinea.

Banyana Banyana's captain Janine van Wyk stressed the importance of having a good game plan but predicted a tough duel.

"We know we have quite a bit of pressure on us, but it is good pressure because if we had won by a big margin, we would have been complacent and that is very dangerous."

"Yes, the first leg victory puts us a step ahead but it also means we need to be alert because they (Kenya) are going to come out very strongly," she said.

"We know it is a very important match for us and hopefully we can get a good result – get an early goal so that we play our own game."

Kenya squad: Goalkeepers: Pauline Atieno, Vivian Akinyi, Samantah Akinyi. **Defenders:** Anne Aluoch, Irene Ogutu, Dorcas Sikose, Kethy Akumu, Maurine Achieng. **Midfielders:** Harriet Bwire, Esse Akida, Cheris Salano, Mary Wanjiku, Tabaka Chacha, Caroline Kiget. **Strikers:** Neddy Atieno, Enez Mango, Sharon Aluoch, Carolyne Anayngo, Veronica Wafula.

BASKETBALL | KPA men recover to fell Pirates as hard-fighting Umoja ambush Terrorists

Achieng leads KPA in crushing victory over sorry Mennonites

Rising ports authority player scores 22 points as visitors run away with game 85-11

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Rising star Donnasama Achieng scored a game-high 22 points to help Kenya Ports Authority women's basketball team maintain their unbeaten record in the Eastern Conference Premier League after demolishing hosts Mennonites 85-11 at Upper Hill School in Nairobi yesterday.

The dock women, who last weekend shattered defending champions USIU-A Flames's unbeaten run after beating them 56-40 in Mombasa, had Achieng sounding the early warning by scoring 14 points in the first quarter.

Mennonites, who have lost all their seven matches to lie bottom on the table standings with seven points, were down 26-2 in the opening quarter. KPA, who head the standings with 20 points after winning all their 10 matches, led 50-4 at the break.

Mennonites played poorly scoring only a free-three in the third quarter that was completely dominated by KPA. Linda Alando, Natalie Akinyi and Everline Itabu drilling in the baskets to out score sorry Mennonites 21-1 in the quarter.

Experienced Natalie Akinyi added 16 points and Itabu 10 for KPA, who end their two match tour of Nairobi today



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KPA's experienced Natalie Akinyi in a past Premier League match. She scored 16 points as KPA crushed Mennonites 85-11 in their league match yesterday at Upper Hill school.

against coach Ben Oluoch's tricky and much-improved Storms.

KPA coach Sammy Kiki said: "I have now returned on the teams technical bench after a tight schedule at work and the girls have demonstrated their positive attitude to win a huge margin."

Mennonites coach Sonny Mogisha said: "My team played well despite the huge margin loss considering that the girls are still young. We lost all our players to other clubs last year and we are now in the process of building a new team for the future."

In the men's top match, defending champions KPA recovered to beat hosts Pirates 71-30.

The dock men, who had lost at home 59-47 to USIU-A Tigers last weekend, were up with a huge 49-19 margin at half-time and gave the students no chance at all.

Umoja rocked Terrorists 49-41 in their Western Conference second leg encounter.

In the men's Division One league matches at the same venue, MKU Thika garnered two crucial Western Conference second leg points when they beat hosts Don Bosco 70-58.

Gaston Simidi was on fire scoring 23 points and Denny Wanjihia 10 for the varsity students, who led 44-26 at the break. Wise Okinyi replied for Don Bosco with 16 points and Cain Mingo 12.

Africa Nazarene University banked on 19 points from Macharia Ndungu while Bayles Cossiga added 15 to punished Little Prince 61-49 in a Western Conference tie.

ANU led 29-18 at half-time. Victor Okoth replied for Little Prince with 13 points.

Parklands Baptist continued to perform poorly in their Western Conference matches when Kenya College of Accountancy-University rocked them 68-37. Parklands, who lost their 11th match of the season, were down 31-19 at half-time and showed no signs of recovery in the last two quarters.

Emyba showed Kisumu Lakeside a rude welcome beating them 49-38 in their inter-conference tie after leading 22-20 at the break. Lakeside, who remained bottom of the table standings with 10 points from three wins and five losses, had Austin Odhiambo emerging the top scorer with 11 points.

YESTERDAY'S FIXTURES	
Men	
KPA	71-30 Pirates
Umoja	49-41 Terrorists
Baraka Xtreme	58-51 4-Christ
MKU Thika	70-58 Don Bosco
Emyba	49-38 Lakesidfe
KCA-U	68-37 Parklands Baptist
ANU	61-49 Little Prince
Women	
KPA	85 Mennonites 11



CECAFA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS | Total of Sh6 million up for grabs in championship at National Stadium In Dar es Salaam

Will Gor write rosy chapter in club history?

Promising K'Ogalo face Azam in today's final as they seek to win the region's most coveted silverware for the first time since 1985

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It has been 30 years since Gor Mahia lifted the Cecafta Club championships trophy. Perhaps not too long in the grand scheme of things but the last time they did so, Kenya was still under single party rule.

Last year, the team returned to the tournament after 19 years in the cold, and they had a particularly bad outing, failing to win a single match. This year has been quite the opposite as they have not lost a match and are just 90 minutes away from the winning the trophy. Gor last won the title in 1985 after beating AFC Leopards 2-0 in the final held in Khartoum.

Yet all the talk of a "new dawn" will be in vain if they fail to lift the Cecafta trophy this afternoon, and Gor coach Frank Nuttall knows as much. Judging from their exploits so far and the potential they have shown, a loss in today's final will mean that Gor Mahia players will not have achieved their full potential in the tournament.

This is the harsh reality for the team that so dearly wants to win the title, and who now have to win it to gain the full respect of its regional neighbours. Victory today will elevate K'Ogalo to status previously enjoyed only by five-time winners Yanga.

From the first day, the 2015 Kagame Cup championship tournament has lived up to its billing. Coaches have displayed tactical prowess in the tournament. The physical ability of the players has entertained fans in the tournament, complete with interesting stories of teams relying on witchcraft to win matches.

First there was Yanga, the home team that met K'Ogalo in the opening match. Yanga looked anointed to win the competitions based squarely on their multiple titles, their squad abilities and their numerous home fans. But the five-time Kagame Cup champions lost the first match and, although they went on to win the rest of their group matches to finish second in group 'A', they never fully recovered.

They had missed a penalty in that opening day match on their way to a 2-1 loss against Gor, something that turned out to be a harbinger for what was to come.

Hans van der Pluijm-coached Yanga missed another spot kick in the quarter-finals where after they had done everything against stubborn Azam in the match which ended in a barren draw in regular time. They went on to lose 5-3 on penalties.

On that Saturday afternoon, the tournament saw the true face of disappointment. It was engraved on the faces of the Yanga fans who wailed uncontrollably at the stands after the final whistle. Some Yanga fans walked away quietly, shaking their heads and just wondering what may have been.

What if Haji Mwinyi had converted his spot kick? What if Azam goalkeeper Manula Aishi Salum hadn't repelled that well-taken



Gor Mahia captain Hesbone Omollo displays Cecafta Clubs trophy after arrival from Khartoum where the club had beaten AFC Leopards 2-0 in the 1985 final in tournament.

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penalty. And then there were minnows Khartoum National Club from South Sudan who were a last-minute replacement for Sudanese giants El Merreikh (El Mereikh are busy in the CAF Champions League).

With the knowledge that Khartoum had finished a distant third in the Sudanese league, the region's journalists continuously refereed to them as minnows but the more this tag was used on them, the more they proved pundits wrong. Their first statement in the tournament was a punishing 5-0 won over Djibouti Telecom, a team that proved to be the real minnows of the competitions but whom Gor laboured to beat 3-1 in the group stages.

With former K'Ogalo man Anthony Akumu in the team and Ghanaian coach Kwesi Appiah providing psychological motivation, Khartoum provided the strongest challenge for Nuttall's men, holding them to a 1-1 draw in the group matches. The Sudanese team crashed APR of Rwanda 4-0 in the quarter-finals, instilling fear in

K'Ogalo squad.

But they were unable to hold out against Gor again in Friday's semi-finals, throwing away an early lead to lose 3-1.

Telecom and South Sudan side Al Malakia proved tough against K'Ogalo, and Nuttall was left looking for answers when his energy-sapped team laboured to beat Malakia 2-1 in the quarter-finals.

To win the tournament, something that was a distant hope just two weeks ago, Gor will have to go overcome hosts Azam this afternoon at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam. The team has received enough motivation even from president Uhuru Kenyatta who is expected to turn up for the match, and striker Michael Olunga must be at his best upfront. Nuttall has since declared that his team is gunning for the Sh6 million cash prize and the gleaming trophy.

"Our target changed the moment we won the quarter-finals," Nuttall said on Friday. Tanzanian press has described Nuttall as a very apt and cunning man but who is

CECAFA CLUB ROLL OF HONOUR

1967:	Abaluhya FC (Kenya)
1968:	73 not held
1974:	Simba SC (Tanzania)
1975:	Young Africans (Tanzania)
1976:	Luo Union (Later called Gor Mahia)
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1978:	Kampala City Council (Uganda)
1979:	Abaluhya FC (Later AFC Leopards)
1980:	Gor Mahia (Kenya)
1981:	Gor Mahia (Kenya)
1982:	AFC Leopards (Kenya)
1983:	AFC Leopards (Kenya)
1984:	AFC Leopards (Kenya)
1985:	Gor Mahia (Kenya)
1986:	El-Merreikh (Sudan)
1987:	Nakivubo Villa (Uganda)
1988:	Kenya Breweries (Kenya)
1989:	Kenya Breweries (Kenya)
1990:	Not held
1991:	Simba SC (Tanzania)
1992:	Simba SC (Tanzania)
1993:	Young Africans (Tanzania)
1994:	El-Merreikh (Sudan)
1995:	Simba SC (Tanzania)
1996:	Simba SC (Tanzania)
1997:	AFC Leopards (Kenya)
1998:	Rayon Sports (Rwanda)
1999:	Young Africans (Tanzania)
2000:	Tusker FC (Kenya)
2001:	Tusker FC (Kenya)
2002:	Simba SC (Tanzania)
2003:	SC Villa (Uganda)
2004:	APR FC (Rwanda)
2005:	SC Villa (Uganda)
2006:	Police FC (Rwanda)
2007:	APR FC (Rwanda)
2008:	Tusker FC (Kenya)
2009:	ATRACO (Rwanda)
2010:	APR FC (Rwanda)
2011:	Yanga (Tanzania)
2012:	Yanga (Tanzania)
2013:	Vital'ô (Burundi)
2014:	El-Merreikh 9 Sudan
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susceptible to fits of anger. Ahead of today's final, the words "focus" and "concentration" have kept popping up. These are elements both Nuttall and Azam's Stewart Hall wish that their respective teams will pay attention to. Azam have been nothing short of ferocious. They are arguably the best team in the tournament and, other than Gor, are the only other unbeaten team in the tournament. May the best team win!

“Our target changed the moment we won the quarter-finals”

Gor coach
Frank Nuttall

Here is what has kept K'Ogalo flying high in Dar es Salaam

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Kenya's representatives to the 46th edition of the Cecafta Club Championships, Gor Mahia, will this afternoon attempt to add to their decorated trophy cabinet a sixth Cecafta Club Championship title and it's first in 30 years when they tackle Tanzanian moneybags Azam at the National Stadium in Dar es Salaam.

The last time Gor won the regional club championship, a preserve for league champions of regional member countries was way back in 1985. Back

then, the current club deputy coach, the silver-haired John 'Bobby' Ogolla, was still an important pillar in the playing unit.

He was the rock in the defence of the famous 1985 squad that brought honour and glory to the team. And this afternoon, Ogolla who is revered in club circles owing to his distinguished service to the team, will be aiming at making history as the first coach to have helped K'Ogalo claim the gong both as a player and now as a member of the backroom staff.

Gor's performance in the championship has compounded critics and die-hard supporters alike. It should not

be forgotten that the Kenyan glamour club has faced tough financial times in the last two years and their participation in the tournament alone had been in jeopardy.

Compared to their well-funded opponents Azam, Gor are brand just by name. When it comes to club structures, K'Ogalo do not come anywhere close to Azam.

That notwithstanding, Gor have done well, becoming the talking point not just in Dar but also here in Nairobi. It is also not been lost to observers that last year in the same competition held in Kigali, Gor were tossed out at the group stage without

winning a single match. They lost 2-1 to Uganda's KCCA, 1-0 to Atletico Olympic of Djibouti before drawing 2-2 with hosts APR and registering a similar result against Telecom of Djibouti.

Fast forward, Gor has not just charmed their way to the hearts of many a football fan in Dar, but the local press there too, which been falling over themselves; dedicating acres of space each day for the team.

Gor's impeccable run is attributed to many factors, chief among them, head coach, Scot Frank Nuttall, who has been very motivational to his boys. His tactics and fielding have worked for

the team. Barely four months into the job, Nuttall made wholesome changes in the squad converting the exciting Godfrey Walusimbi from left back to a lethal left winger, Musa Mohamed from right back to centre half- a position that has brought the best out of him. In fact Musa has been the unsung hero in the Gor's fine run that has stretched to 25 games unbeaten.

Central midfield partnership of Collins Okoth and Khalid Aucho has been outstanding. Full backs Karim Nizigiyamana and Abouba Sibomana have also impressed, while upfront, Meddie Kagere and Michael Olunga have performed well.



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DATE	TIME	GAME ID	GAME	1	X	2
02.08.15	17:00	3910	FC ZURICH vs GRASSHOPPERS	2.30	3.09	2.55
02.08.15	17:00	5117	WEST HAM vs WERDER	1.96	3.13	3.13
02.08.15	17:00	8971	METALURG ZAPORIZHYA vs VOLYN LUTSK	5.67	3.65	1.43
02.08.15	17:00	9294	MORDOVIA SARANSK vs URAL YEKATERINBURG	2.42	2.82	2.62
02.08.15	17:00	9396	METALIST KHARKIV vs OLEKSANDRIA	1.42	3.83	5.39
02.08.15	17:30	1521	AUSTRIA VIENNA vs SCR ALTACH	1.38	3.86	5.93
02.08.15	17:30	4185	JOSKO RIED vs WOLFSBERGER AC	2.06	3.09	2.94
02.08.15	17:30	6477	DUNDEE UTD vs ABERDEEN	3.40	3.11	1.87
02.08.15	18:00	4446	NK TRAVNIK vs SARAJEVO	5.20	3.52	1.49
02.08.15	18:00	9667	CASERTANA vs CALCIO LECCO	1.41	3.98	5.33
02.08.15	18:30	2425	KUPS KUOPIO vs ROPS ROVANIEMI	2.55	2.94	2.40
02.08.15	18:30	3955	ZELJEZNICAR vs RADNIK BIJELJINA	1.33	4.04	6.65
02.08.15	18:30	4357	LAHTI vs FF JARO	1.53	3.41	4.89
02.08.15	18:30	5337	IFK GOTEORG vs OREBRO SK	1.34	4.08	6.22
02.08.15	19:00	4212	PISA vs SESTRI LEVANTE	1.44	3.78	5.22
02.08.15	19:00	1979	DUNAJSKA STREDA vs SLOVAN BRATISLAVA	2.50	3.09	2.35
02.08.15	19:00	9741	AC REGGIANA vs DELTA PORTO TOLLE	1.31	3.99	7.29
02.08.15	20:00	2995	FERALPISALO vs FANO CALCIO	1.32	4.06	6.85
02.08.15	20:00	5749	FC ROSTOV vs FC KRASNODAR	3.04	2.89	2.11
02.08.15	21:30	3291	BRESCIA vs CREMONESE	1.87	2.96	3.60
02.08.15	21:30	7980	BASSANO VIRTUS vs PONTEDERA	1.62	3.29	4.37
02.08.15	21:30	8612	MATERA FC vs SUDTIROL	1.81	2.99	3.78
02.08.15	21:30	9625	BENEVENTO vs TUTTOCUOIO	1.49	3.52	5.20
02.08.15	21:45	3437	JUVE STABIA vs MELFI	1.48	3.55	5.18
02.08.15	22:00	1538	ASCOLI vs COSENZA	1.88	2.97	3.56
02.08.15	22:00	5287	FIorentina vs BARCELONA	5.14	3.97	1.42



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CECAFA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS | Familiar territory for K'Ogalo's Ogola

Gor take on Azam in decider



Gor Mahia players huddle together. Their coach Frank Nuttall has attributed their good run in the Kagame Cup to great team work. Gor Mahia face home side Azam in the final today at the National Stadium, Dar es Salaam.

MARTIN MUKANGU | NATION

Nuttall's men play home side at National Stadium in final for title they last won in 1985



BY CELESTINE OILOLO
in Dar es Salaam

Kenyan champions Gor Mahia will carry the hopes of a success-starved nation when they take on home side Azam in the final of the Cecafta Club Championships today from 3.45pm at the National Stadium, Dar es Salaam.

K'Ogalo, will be hoping for their first Cecafta title since 1985 when they downed bitter rivals AFC Leopards 2-0 in the final in Sudan.

Both Gor and Azam have yet to taste defeat in their respective five matches, are deserved finalists, and have played some

of the best football in the tournament, making for an alluring clash.

At stake is, of course the regional title, and the accompanying Sh3 million prize money for the winner. Azam have powered to the final on a solid defence and fluent attack. The Tanzanian side blasted through their group assignments without conceding a single goal.

Up front, they have shown beat. Strikers Ivorian Kipre Cheche and Shomari Kapombe will once again be heavily depended upon to deliver the goals and power their team to their first ever Kagame Cup.

Struggling with fitness

Azam coach Stewart Hall said his side was struggling with fitness in his team but remained confident he had the right quality of players to deal with the Kenyan team.

"Prior to this tournament we had only two weeks of training, and the players are not so fit. Gor Mahia players are better physically.

"They are big and strong and they are smack in the middle of their league.

"I know we shall struggle maintaining optimum energy levels, but if we defend as well as we have been defending during the tournament I know we shall be able to overcome them," he said.

K'Ogalo are seasoned campaigners and will not fall for any talk about the opposition being unfit.

NOTEBOOK

UNDESIREO CONDUCT
Gor fan, Kenyan journalists arrested

Die-hard Gor Mahia fan Gerald Abongo aka Jaro Soja and two Kenyan TV journalists were arrested and remanded at Chang'ombe police station for seven hours on Thursday. The three were apprehended for assaulting a steward during the semi-final match between Gor Mahia and Al Khartoum, but were later released. It started when Jaro tried to access the VVIP area in the stadium.

BLAST FROM PAST
K'Ogalo in 1985 were simply unstoppable

Gor Mahia downed rivals AFC Leopards 2-0 in the final of the 1985 Cecafta Club Championship in Sudan. K'Ogalo started by beating Limbe Leaf Wanderers (Malawi) 3-0 and hosts El Hilal 3-1, before identical one-all draws against neighbours Simba SC (Tanzania) and Nakivubo Villa (Uganda) in the group stages.

In the semi-finals Gor Mahia claimed a hard-fought 2-1 win over hosts El Merreikh.

OUT AND ABOUT
Green Army in town, you can't miss them

In the last two days, Dar es Salaam town has received a good number of Gor Mahia fans, who have travelled for the tournament final today afternoon. Club fans have been trickling in but their numbers have hugely grown over the past 48 hours.

By yesterday evening, many fans could be spotted around the streets of Dar es Salaam proudly wearing the green and white colours of Gor.

SPECIAL WEAR
Olunga's England boots delivered

Michael Olunga has received two new pairs of boots from England ahead of today's Kagame Cup final clash against Azam.

Olunga had raised concerns with his agent that the boots he had carried to the tournament were unsuitable for the unusually thick pitch at Dar's National Stadium. The size of the grass at the venue was deliberately cut to 3.2 inches long instead of the customary 2.0 inches.

Hat-trick hero Kiongera leads KCB to sink battling Thika United

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Paul Mungai Kiongera claimed a hat-trick as a goal-hungry Kenya Commercial Bank overpowered Thika United 3-2 in a high-scoring Kenyan Premier League match at the Thika Municipal Stadium yesterday.

The bankers have been fighting hard of late to evade the relegation axe and yesterday's performance took their points tally to 20 points from 21 matches.

The pulsating match that kept the

handful of fans in attendance on the edge of their seats saw Kiongera justify his place in the KCB squad by bagging a treble of goals, paying back coach Rishadi Shedu's decision to stick with him as the main man upfront.

First goal

The versatile attacker opened his account in the 20th minute before adding the second in the 37th minute. He then completed his hat-trick eight minutes after the interval to take home the match ball.

Thika, unfazed by the bankers menacing pace and Kiongera's predatory instincts, clawed back getting their first goal at the hour mark through Ray Omondi before Mwinyi Kibwana added the second in the 67th minute to make for an engrossing end to the game but they did not have the required punch that would have earned them a point.

Thika United's coach Tim Brytte in his post-match comments, blamed his charges for the clumsy display that saw them concede three goals, giving them a Herculean task of clawing back.

"The individual mistakes cost us the game. We are making life very difficult for ourselves," he lamented.

At the Kisumu County Stadium, Sony Sugar recorded their second win on the bounce as they beat Western Stima 2-0.

The sugar millers were 2-1 winners over AFC Leopards in their last match and yesterday, Samuel Onyango headed in a Justin Monda free kick to open the scores in the 48th minute before Marwa Chamberi came from the bench to confirm the win deep in stoppage time.

COMMUNITY SHIELD | Wenger has not beaten Mourinho in 13 previous attempts

Arsenal seek title proof as Wenger, Mourinho renew rivalry at Wembley

Gunners' readiness to challenge for league title to be tested against the reigning champions

London

Arsenal's readiness to mount a sustained title challenge in 2015-16 will be tested at Wembley today when they face Premier League champions Chelsea in the Community Shield.

Arsene Wenger's team finished last season at a gallop, winning 20 of their final 26 games in all competitions and retaining the FA Cup by swamping Aston Villa 4-0 in a one-sided final.

They have carried that momentum into pre-season, winning all four of their matches, and having finally addressed their longstanding goalkeeper problem by signing Petr Cech from Chelsea, optimism is abundant.

"We want to win the league, of course we do," midfielder Jack Wilshere told the Arsenal website ahead of the English football season's traditional opening fixture.

"We feel we've been together a few years now, we've brought in world-class players who have had time to settle, we've added a world-class 'keeper with all of his experience — he's been there and he's done it; he's won everything — so we really feel we're in a strong position."

Arsenal will be wary of false dawns, having dispatched then-champions Manchester City 3-0 in last season's Community Shield, only to finish 12 points below Chelsea in the title race.

But Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho appears to consider them genuine contenders, if the comments he has launched in the direction of the Emirates Stadium in recent weeks are anything to go by.

Citing the arrivals of Mesut Ozil and Alexis Sanchez, Mourinho claimed that

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We've brought in world-class players who have had time to settle, we've added a world-class 'keeper with all of his experience so we really feel we're in a strong position"

Jack Wilshere, Arsenal star



Chelsea coach Jose Mourinho (left) and Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger will renew their rivalry in the season-opening Charity Shield at Wembley Stadium today.

anyone who totted up Arsenal's transfer expenditure over the past few years would be in for a "surprise" and said that they were "more than ready" to challenge for the title.

Wenger, whose tetchy relationship with Mourinho spilled over into a touchline scuffle at Stamford Bridge last season, responded in sanguine fashion.

"I think what you want is not to listen too much to what people say," said the Frenchman, who has not beaten Mourinho in 13 attempts.

"Because sometimes in the same week I get two different reproaches: one, I don't spend enough and one, too much." With the experienced Cech between the posts, Arsenal look much more robust defensively, the Czech international having been allowed to join a major rival due to his close relationship with Chelsea

owner Roman Abramovich.

Cech, 33, spent 11 hugely successful years at Chelsea before being dislodged by Thibaut Courtois last season, winning four league titles and the 2012 Champions League, and former team-mate Branislav

RECENT WINNERS	
2014: Arsenal	2004: Arsenal
2013: Man United	2003: Man United
2012: Man City	2002: Arsenal
2011: Man United	2001: Liverpool
2010: Man United	2000: Chelsea
2009: Chelsea	1999: Arsenal
2008: Man United	1998: Arsenal
2007: Man United	1997: Man United
2006: Liverpool	1996: Man United
2005: Chelsea	1995: Everton

Ivanovic has urged the club's fans not to jeer him.

"I hope they will give respect to him because he deserves it," the Serbian defender told the Evening Standard newspaper. "For 90 minutes the fans will support us. For sure, they will be on our side. Before and after the game, I hope and I'm sure they will give Petr respect."

To date, Cech is the only new player that Arsenal have signed, but they announced on Friday that forward Theo Walcott and midfielder Santi Cazorla have penned new contracts. Having finished last season with a flurry of goals and scored the winner against Wolfsburg in the Emirates Cup friendly tournament last weekend, Walcott will hope to start up front against Chelsea. (AFP)

Mourinho aims another dig at his old rival Wenger



London

Jose Mourinho has taken another swipe at old rival Arsene Wenger by claiming the Arsenal manager has only himself to blame for failing to find a solution to his dismal record against the Chelsea boss.

Wenger has failed to record a single victory over Mourinho in their 13 meetings and ahead of their latest showdown in the Community Shield at Wembley today, the Blues chief mischievously suggested the Frenchman needed to work harder to come up with an answer.

Asked what he would be thinking if the roles were reversed and he hadn't beaten Wenger for so long, Mourinho said: "I think I would ask myself why. I would try to answer but not because of a mental block but because I would want to try to find solutions to help my team to do it."

"Try to find a different way, try to find the reasons why it goes all

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Jose Mourinho

the time against my team. But just that."

Former Inter Milan, Real Madrid and Porto manager Mourinho says he has never been on the wrong end of such a wretched run against a manager, referencing only successive defeats against the same boss but different teams and in different seasons. "I lost twice against Tony Pulis," he said. "I lost against Palace (in March 2014) and against West Bromwich (in May 2015). One game each."

Wenger and Mourinho have exchanged barbs through the media for years and their antagonistic relationship turned physical last year when the Arsenal boss pushed his Chelsea counterpart during a touchline row.

Yet, after leading Chelsea to the Premier League title last season, Mourinho insisted extending his fine run against Wenger isn't his main concern in today's annual curtain raiser to the English season.

"I don't think about what happened before, I just think about the game," Mourinho said. "For me, six, seven, eight or nine matches without losing makes (no) difference and I don't think affects this game. For me there is no relation between one game and what happened before."

"It's not a friendly game but it's not a statement for the season. Arsenal last season won the Community Shield against the champions (Manchester City) and finished third. (AFP)



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KDF BILL | Fears that civilians could end up in military courts

Bill could see civilians tried in military court

National Assembly Directorate of Legal Service wonders what drafters of the Bill seek to achieve

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There are fears that the new government sponsored Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) Bill could drag civilians to military courts for trial for suspicion of involvement in terrorism.

A report of the Kenya National Assembly Directorate of Legal Service seen by the *Sunday Nation* questions the motive of the drafters of the Bill in amending section 112 of the KDF Act 2012 which deals with court martials.

"Clause 18 of the Bill seeks to amend section 112 of the Act to insert the punitive provision which was lacking. Does the new punishment seek to invoke the

jurisdiction of a court martial for civilian suspects?" wonders the report.

In Kenya, court martials are reserved for military personnel while the rest of Kenyans are tried in civilian courts.

The Bill will kill the position of Defence Cabinet Secretary if enacted into law.

"The Bill proposes to amend section 10 for orderly and efficient Government of Kenya Defence Forces (KDF). This amendment seeks to remove the role of Parliament in assigning the Cabinet Secretary defence functions; it removes the requirement for CS to report to the President and Parliament on compliance with policies and directions and also removes the requirement for the CS's annual report to include itemised statements on utilisation of public

funds," says the Directorate.

The Bill also seeks to give the President powers to extend terms of service commanders for a period not exceeding one year.

Clause 32 of the Bill addresses the issue of the financial viability of retaining persons on the payroll beyond their retirement age and compensation for family members of defence forces personnel who suffer disabilities or death while in training.

"The amendment deletes the provision requiring the government to compensate families of KDF personnel in training," the Bill says.

The Bill further wants the setting up of an auxiliary reserve force that will include the Kenya Forestry Services, Kenya Wildlife Services and the National Youth Service.

The Bill will also allow KDF to have its own separate vote.

However, the Bill is likely to encounter opposition from Parliament and the public who would be wary of KDF's bolstered role.

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costly blunder

ATM workers forget bag with Sh15m on a lawn

A bag containing \$150,000 (Sh15.3 million) is missing in the US after two ATM employees left it on a lawn apparently by accident, *Sky News* reports. The mishap occurred as the two got into their car outside a customer's premises in New Jersey on Monday morning. One of the staff placed the satchel of cash on a lawn to make room while moving items around in the back of the vehicle. The two then continued their journey to the next stop until about 15 minutes later when the employee in the back of the car realised the money had been left behind. Both employees of the ATM company have been interviewed by investigators, police say. Surveillance video shows the cash was taken by a man in a white van, possibly a GMC Savana, who pulled up between 11.19 am and 11.29 am. The footage shows the man driving to a nearby car repair shop and taking away some tyres.

on me

Pizzas for strangers

A British man spent more than £350 (Sh47,900) buying pizzas for complete strangers in the US — because he was drunk, the *Daily Mirror* writes. Daniel Sobey-Harker generously put a post on social media site Reddit offering to buy a pizza for someone in the US. But the 27-year-old got into a bit of hot water when he was struggling with payment options. He eventually purchased two digital Bitcoins, completely unaware that they were worth £350. Daniel revealed that he became so frustrated by the carry on and ended up getting a “tad merry” after “getting though nine beers” that he ordered 30 pizzas for strangers — and even sent one to a user in Hawaii. He says he did not realise the conversion rate on Bitcoins. Daniel had pizzas delivered to Chicago, Hawaii, and even one lucky user in the UK, which led to him being called the Jesus of the Internet. He says: “It’s a bit of a shock at how much it’s taken off.”

obituary

Dr Mary Chepkite Lopokoiiyt 1968-2015

Dr Mary Chepkite Lopokoiiyt, who died aged 47, was the Registrar Planning at the University of Eldoret. Her father, Edward Pkukat Lopokoiiyt, was the former Commissioner of Prisons. At the time of her death,

she was among the nine senior staff members suspended recently by the university council, over allegations that they were behind the students’ unrest. Before joining the University of Eldoret, Dr Lopokoiiyt was a lecturer at the Egerton University. In May this year, Dr Lopokoiiyt was also among candidates who undertook

their interviews after being shortlisted for the Principal Secretary position. According to family sources, Dr Lopokoiiyt is said to have collapsed in her car, while on her way home with a colleague on July 23. Dr Lopokoiiyt is survived by her husband and four children. She was buried yesterday.



picture story



A HARD DAY: Nyeri Central OCS Raphael Gaa wears his shoes after a hard day at work. He was among a team that pulled out the body of a man from River Chania in Kagongo village. Police said the man was killed following a family dispute. JOSEPH KANYI | NATION

growing happy

Store hires whisperers to talk, listen to flowers

Britain's leading hardware store is to employ plant whisperers to cultivate in-store flowers by talking to them, the *Daily Mirror* writes. An experimental B&Q store will have three whisperers, who will learn the language of flowers and dispense advice to customers on how to do so themselves. Led by horticulturalist and botanist Tim Clapp, the three employees — Jaime Ormond, Charlotte Payne and Sally Wallace — will work on the plantlife at the Hedge End store in Southampton. Customers will also be able to tweet @BandQ #PlantWhisperers with images of their unhappy blooms — and the whisperers will advise on which song or phrase would work best to perk up their droopy plants and flowers. Jaime says: “When I first heard that talking to plants helps them grow, I was sceptical.”

show stopper

Fugitive caught on film

A fugitive has been arrested after federal agents saw his photo in a Washington state newspaper that ran a story about a low-budget horror movie. According to the *News Tribune*, 44-year-old Jason Stange, a convicted bank robber, plays a leading role in the movie, *Marla Mae*. The *Olympian* newspaper ran a feature story on the film Friday with photos that showed Stange on the film set in Olympia. Federal agents tracked down Stange and arrested him at a restaurant close to the filming location. Stange pleaded guilty to an armed bank robbery in 2006 and was given a 117-month prison sentence. A federal probation violation warrant was issued last year after Stange left a halfway house in Spokane. The film's producer says Stange will remain in the film, which is scheduled for release next year.

false hopes

Why giant panda ‘faked’ pregnancy



A panda in Taiwan has been accused of faking pregnancy to get better food and air conditioning and more buns, fruit and bamboo, the *Huffington Post* writes. Keepers at the Taipei Zoo were excited because resident giant panda Yuan Yuan was exhibiting signs of pregnancy — an all-too-elusive event among captive pandas. There were tell-tale symptoms, like a loss of appetite and a thickening of the uterus. Yuan Yuan's faecal progesterone concentration was also on the rise. Yet despite these promising signs, the panda's pregnancy was a false alarm. According to China's *Southern Metropolis Daily*, ultrasound scans determined that Yuan Yuan, who was artificially inseminated earlier this year, was not pregnant. Now the panda is being accused of faking the pregnancy as a way of getting her caretakers to shower her with better food and care. Pregnant pandas are typically treated like queens. As *China Daily* notes, the expectant bears are moved into “single rooms with air conditioning” and given “round-the-clock care.” They receive more buns, fruit and bamboo as well.

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Before you pass on information you heard through the grapevine, ascertain that it is indeed correct

It happened more than 15 years ago, but it is an incident that is difficult to forget.

It was on a Sunday afternoon, and I was relaxing at home (I wasn't a keen churchgoer then) when I heard banging at the gate. When I opened it, there stood a group of men in suits and ties, some carrying bibles.

"Is your father in?" one of them enquired.

"Yes," I said. My dad too wasn't a keen churchgoer at the time.

They came in, and I went to call my dad, who was having his afternoon nap, if I remember correctly. He was visibly puzzled and taken aback when he walked into the living room, only to find a group of men who I would later learn were church elders at one of the local churches.

If you were raised like I was, you know you're not supposed to listen in when adults are talking, so I made myself busy in another part of the house, even though curiosity was steadily eating me. After about 10 minutes, I saw my father seeing the visitors off.

"They had come to tell me *pole* – they thought that was you on TV yesterday," he explained.

The previous day, while watching the evening news, we had been shocked to see one of my cousins speaking from a hospital bed, narrating how she and her husband had been attacked by the "slasher" while on their way home in the evening.

Around that time, where I lived, a couple of people had been attacked by a mysterious "man" wielding a panga. Even more sinister, he did not steal anything from his victims. He had been christened "slasher."

All his victims, including this cousin, said that the psycho, (how else would you call such a person?) targeted the neck. My cousin survived to tell the tale by managing to outrun him, though by then he had cut her arm, an injury that was thankfully not fatal.

Anyway, one of the men in the



Friends sharing a secret.

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Verify before you start sharing a lie

group that had come calling was convinced that I had been the one on TV — my cousin and I are named after my grandmother, so we share a name. However, one of the men pointed out that it couldn't have been me, since he was pretty sure I was still in school, and, therefore, not married.

Anyway, to cut a long story short, the men were finally convinced that it was me who nearly had her arm hacked off by the

slasher, and as a show of support for a fellow church member, they had come to commiserate with my father. They had also contributed Sh20,000 to help with the hospital bill. When they learnt it was a case of mistaken identity, they of course took their generous donation with them.

And this, ladies and gentlemen, is how rumours fly. It takes just one person to say the word, and within a short time, it becomes gospel truth. Had these gentlemen not bothered to make this selfless visit, my visits to *shags* would be unbearable, what with people staring at the lucky one who managed to escape the "slasher's" panga.

About two years ago, a friend who I had been in high school with called me.

"Have you heard the news?" she began. Now this is what is called suspense.

"What news?" I asked.

"I heard that Virginia died..." she said.

My head reeled. "What?! When? How? Who told you?"

She went on to tell me that a mutual friend had told her. According to this friend, Virginia,

who I had just been with a week before, had been involved in a fatal road accident.

We agreed that I would call two other former classmates we were in touch with so that we could plan when to visit her family. I called the first one, who was equally shocked, and then called the second one, only for her to ask me whether I was talking about the right Virginia.

"Yes...why?"

"Because I spoke to her about 30 minutes ago..." she told me.

Surely that wasn't possible, because according to my informer, Virginia had died two days before. To cut a long story short, while it was true that Virginia had been in a road accident, she had not been injured, though a relative she had been with in the same car (called Virginia) had died.

Before you pass on information you heard through the grapevine, ascertain that it is indeed correct.

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MY WEEKEND

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IT TAKES JUST ONE PERSON TO SAY THE WORD, AND WITHIN A SHORT TIME, IT BECOMES GOSPEL TRUTH?"

WORLD OF FIGURES» MUNGAI KIHANYA

Are coins worth more than the metal they're made of?

AN INGENIOUS PREACHER pulled out two bank notes from his pocket: one was an old, tattered Sh1,000 note, the other a crisp, straight-out-of-the-press Sh50 one. He then asked the congregation which of the two notes they would prefer. Obviously, everyone pointed at the Sh1,000 one. Even after trying very hard to convince them that the Sh1,000 was in a very bad shape — going as far as trampling on it with his feet — they still chose it!

So finally he asked them why they are choosing the old tattered note and not the crisp new one and the answer was simple: it is of more value than the Sh50. Then the preacher explained that that is the same with the value of a human being: it is about what you represent and not how you look or what you have.

Well, this is not a spiritual column, but I use that story to emphasise the point I made last



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To make one tonne of metal, you would need about 180,000 coins.

week: currency notes and coins are not money, they are just one way of representing it.

When the Sh10 coin was introduced in the 1990s, it was so uniquely beautiful that some ingenious people started making earrings with it. The ornaments were going for up to Sh500

per pair! Imagine that, buying Sh20 for Sh500. It is not only crazy, but illegal: you can be jailed for six months if you do that.

But what is even more shocking is an advert I saw on the Internet buying site, www.ebay.com. Someone is offering four current Kenyan coins — Sh1, Sh5, Sh10 and Sh20 — for US\$5. That is Sh500 for something worth only Sh36!

The current Sh100 note (printed in 2010) is also on offer for US\$3.75, that is, Sh375 at the present exchange rate!

Now why would anyone in their right mind pay Sh375 for a Sh100-note? And why don't we start exporting our currency notes and coins to earn foreign exchange? I'll leave you to ponder on that.

Can one make a profit by exporting our coins as scrap metal? Take the one shilling coin for example. It is made of steel coated with nickel

to protect it against rust and weighs about 5.5 grams. To make one tonne of metal, you would need about 180,000 coins; that is, Sh180,000 in face value. How much would these fetch in the international scrap metal markets?

The price in Europe and North America is \$250 per tonne, that is, about Sh25,000. In China it is better: 2,000 Yuan per tonne — about Sh32,000.

In both cases, the money you get is much less than the face value of the coins. So, the rumours going round that the reason we have such a serious shortage of coins is because they are being exported as scrap metal is not true. More importantly, now we have proof that our coins are worth more than the metal they are made of.

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FEEDBACK

Your article has inspired me to give and help the needy.
Dennis

I couldn't agree with you more. It is said the reason the Dead Sea is dead is because it only receives water but has no outlet. The people who hardly give must be dead inside. And I don't mean the giving associated with politicians seeking votes. Selfless giving is very rewarding and some rich people I know don't realise how much they are missing out on.
Crescence

I'm a regular reader of your articles. Today's was outstanding. It shows that there's power in giving just as there is power in prayer.
Henry

Feeling challenged to do more charity work, but if the society would also join in, including churches, I guess there would be no orphan or a needy child going without education.
Macharia

I have a problem with your phrasing. You say that the world conspires to help those who give? That sounds like people who give do so solely on the fact that they will receive something from fate or the cosmic universe. I tend to think that *true* giving is the kind done with pure and utter kindness, the one that you literally don't expect anything back. That means that you don't expect to be blessed or rewarded by anyone.
Dennis

Giving is better than receiving, those who give never lack, the cup is always filled. Gordon B Hinckley says it better. "The best antidote I know for worry is work. The best cure for weariness is the challenge of helping someone who is even more tired. One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served."
Ngong'u

THAT'S LIFE

Of development, values, culture



SOCIETY

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As Africa seeks development and progress in all its forms, we must address what we are willing and not willing to leave behind. Probably more than anything else, the looting and subjugation of Africa during slavery and colonialism left deep wounds that we haven't addressed. Following independence, African leaders had among many other difficult tasks, the mammoth one of carving out a national identity and

sense of pride for a people who had for so long been taught that what they believed, how they spoke, lived and dressed was barbaric. Consumed by personal greed and the un-African value of self-gain at the expense of the community, many failed to rise to the occasion.

Those of us born after independence were taught that African names were unpronounceable and hence we had to get good "Christian" ones at baptism or confirmation. What I didn't know was that as far as names go, Caroline was more English than Christian. But my parents complied and Caroline I became. So our African names became "middle" names, "second" names or "home" names. In some schools, we were taught that it was wrong to speak in mother-tongue and that English reigned supreme. And so we learnt to speak "proper" English and possibly, very improperly, our local languages, if at all. It was more important to master a foreign language than an African one. Someone taught us that European foods, mannerisms and dress were superior to ours, to the point that the discussion on developing a national dress never quite took off. When I was getting married, I told my parents that I wanted none of that "cultural stuff".

The more educated, or "progressive" one became, the less African they were expected to be. And so it came to be seen that progress or development could not go hand in hand with African cultural values. If we wanted good roads, great jobs and tall buildings, we would need to be more Western and less African.

Then I began to travel beyond Africa, and realised that most other peoples thought differently. Many embraced their food, language and culture to the extent of exporting it to other parts of the world. That's why today we have more Chinese, Japanese, Italian and Indian restaurants in Nairobi, than we do say, West African restaurants. That's why Spanish is the second most spoken language in the US. Those people I encountered during my travels actually thought that who they were, what they had, where they came from, was good, not shameful. That was the beginning of my cultural awakening and the realisation that beyond the plundering of Africa, the greatest havoc was reigned on the African mind. It is a shackle that we — because only we can do it — have not removed some five decades after independence. However, in the words of Bob Marley, we need to "emancipate yourself from mental slavery", to carve out a national consciousness of what it means to be African in the spirit of Kwame Nkrumah and Steve Biko.

Sadly, when we talk of African culture and values, many are quick to harp on the negative aspects of culture, from female genital mutilation and the subjugation of women. What we must accept is that all cultures have negative practices and as culture evolves, every people determine what they move forward with and what they leave behind.

Secondly, while Africa is diverse, different tribes and nations share similar values. There is the African value of respect for authority and elders as well the proverbial African hospitality not to mention many other positive aspects of culture.

In a paper titled *Urbanity and African Traditional Values*, Chukwudum Barnabas Okolo writes, "Africa's success in her struggle for self-realization and self-identity will depend then on her ability to subject foreign values to her traditional ones, to master and at the same time domesticate industrial techniques and scientific knowledge to serve her own ends, and not the other way round."

Our ancestors had an inkling of it, and told us as much in the Swahili proverb, *mkosa mila ni mtumwa*. Losing one's identity, language or culture is never progress but a crying shame.

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When today's parents were growing up, they probably passed each other notes. Nowadays there's sexting which is an integral part of social and dating lives

As we get older, we quickly forget what it was like to be young, don't we? Like do you remember your teenage crushes? As a parent you hope your teenage daughters haven't got there yet. But I promise you they have! All the way through from age 12 or 13. And the ones with boyfriends, or boys who're interested in them, are sending sexy selfies and texts.

When you were growing up, you probably passed each other notes in class. Nowadays there's sexting! Today's teens send each other sexually explicit messages and nude pictures and think that's a completely natural thing to do.

Because, you know what? Today's teenage girls actually like the idea of sex. Fortunately, access to the Internet is actually encouraging teenagers to start having sex later. But meanwhile they're thinking and imagining what it will be like. As parents, we don't like that idea — but that's because we've forgotten just how interested we were at the same age!

And for modern teens, the world's online. So sexting is rapidly becoming one of the ways they flirt. And the girls are enjoying it. They say it makes them feel desirable, and adds to the fun of growing close to a boy.

In any case, they're not put off by parents, teachers, or campaigners trying to stop them. They say we don't know what we're talking about. That they want to feel sexy. And that we exaggerate the downsides. But downsides there certainly are.

Like sending sexts to the wrong number. Becoming a victim of revenge porn or mass texting. It's also very common for sexts to get shared around, including with complete strangers. And once one's out there in cyberspace, you can't control it any more. So, as a parent, I don't like to think of my daughter sexting.

But, in fact, so long as no-one's being pressurised, and everyone's aware that the images might be seen by other people, researchers say that sexting doesn't appear to be doing any harm.



So your teenager is sexting? Relax, it is just normal



MEN AND WOMEN

chris
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So maybe we need to stop panicking and trust our kids. Naturally, you should talk to your teens about their relationships. About treating each other well and being safe. But actually this sort of behaviour is completely natural. It's just the modern version of what you and I did

behind the school yard.

But there is one other issue. Young people don't see anything wrong in sending each other sexual images. However, in many countries — including here — sexting's actually illegal.

In fact, in most places the law treats sexting as a form of child pornography and exploitation. So while intending to protect them, the law's inadvertently ended up threatening your teens with steep punishments, including jail time and sex offender registration for doing something teenagers see as completely normal.

Many lawyers agree. Support them. The law needs to be brought into line with modern youngster's sexual behaviour. Leaving sexting problems to be sorted out by parents and social workers.

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SUNDAY SERMON » FR JOE BABENDREIER

We need to discern the will of God

A DEBATE HAS raged for centuries about opposition between faith and reason. It sparked another debate where some speak of opposition between faith and politics.

A person with a strong religious faith cannot be a good scientist and a person with a strong religious faith cannot be a good politician. Is this really true? If there is a God, he cannot contradict himself. He cannot create a world and then tell us lies about the world he created.

There may be some reason why we do not understand the exact match between what we discover through scientific research and what we understand about the mysteries God has revealed. But there is only

one truth. The truth of revelation that comes from God cannot contradict the truth of the world we live in. Both come from God. Truth cannot contradict truth.

Something similar needs to be said about progress. Progress means working together to move from what is good to something better. Science works with all that is true. Politics works with all that is good—or the "common good", as the wise men of old often called it.

Politics is nothing more than our attempt to build up the common good. But how do we know what is good for people and what is bad?

The God who created what is good cannot contradict

himself by lying to us and telling us that something is good, if in fact it is bad. Nor can our Creator lie by telling us that something is bad, if in fact it is good.

That's why there can never be any real opposition between true faith and true progress. If ever such opposition arises, either we have not understood what God revealed or we have not understood progress. We have not understood our true needs and how to make the world better.

So, for instance, look at God's revelation that we are all brothers and sisters because Jesus died to save all people of all times and places. True progress, therefore, means

that we need to overcome our tendency toward racism and tribalism.

One wise man expressed the idea with these words: "Our Lord has come to bring peace, good news and life to all people. Not only to the rich, nor only to the poor. Not only to the wise nor only to the simple. To everyone."

So there is only one race, the race of the children of God. There is only one colour, the colour of the children of God. And there is only one language, the language which speaks to the heart and to the mind, without the noise of words, making us know God and love one another."

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GOING PLACES » NAIROBI

Day out with Obama: Dreams of a traveller

My alternative trip took us to as far as Ongata Rongai, had *nyama choma* at Olepolos and coffee at Tamarind

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I had this fantasy. I had the chance of going places here with US President Barack Obama — on a day after his official business in Nairobi. Let me tell you about it.

There were no media guys around, no pressing crowds, no security concerns — because Obama was in a heavy disguise; as good as the bosses in the *Undercover Boss* TV series.

I picked him up after his early breakfast at the hotel where he was staying. And we drove out of town and through the frenetic and traffic-clogged “Diaspora” of Ongata Rongai.

“And many of these people have to face this traffic crawl every day as they go to work in Nairobi?” he asked. “True,” I told him.

But soon we were out on the

freedom of the Magadi Road.

We pulled over just beyond the shoulder of the Ngong Hills and Corner Baridi to take in the amazingly broad sweep of the Rift Valley.

“Wow!” Obama said. That’s all. “Wow!”

We took the steep descent and noticed how buildings are sprouting all along the road. Further on, I pointed out the prehistoric site of Ologasailie — the place of spirits — but stone chips and ancient elephant bones were not on our priority list that day.

After all the greetings, the speeches, and the jostle of people at Kasarani wanting to shake his hand, it must have been something of a relief to be out in the *nyika* country along the bottom of the Rift. But he wasn’t too turned off meeting people. He asked me to stop when he saw a small group of Maasai women selling curios. They had no idea who he was, of course, but they were happy with this charming man, with his faded jeans and neat dreadlocks, who bought a beaded necklace for his wife Michelle.

We drove through the neat township of Magadi, built for the workers at the big soda factory. Beyond, we took the narrow pebbled road to Lake Magadi and then followed the wheel tracks

across the soda crust to the water’s edge. I found a lone tree that could give us a skeletal shade. We stopped the car. I took the cool box from the boot, poured a couple of glasses of chilled white wine, and we sipped our drinks as we looked out over the shimmering shallow waters, the steam of the hot springs on the far side, the blue cones of distant hills and, much closer, the many wading birds feeding at the lake’s edge.

“Fantastic!” Obama said. “This is

real wilderness.”

“Yes,” I said. “And it is reckoned to be the hottest place in Kenya.”

“What? Even hotter than all the talk in the National Assembly?”

So when we had finished our drinks, we got back into the car and headed back along the Magadi Road. But only as far as Olepolos, where we turned into the Country Club for a *nyama choma* lunch at a shaded trestle table with a view across to the eastern wall of the Rift.

There was a break before we had our after-lunch coffee. Because we drove back to the city a different way — via the road that skirts the eastern slopes of the Ngong Hills to Ngong town. From there we made our way for the coffee at — where else? — the Tamarind Restaurant at the Karen Blixen Coffee Garden along Karen Road.

We had a leg stretch around the Coffee Garden, and then it was time for a dose of history — a pleasant and quirky dose at the Railway Museum, west of the railway station and alongside Uhuru Highway. Appropriate, I think, because so much of the history of colonial Kenya is the history of the railway. And I put to Obama, if he hadn’t already read it, he might well enjoy what I think is the best and most readable history of pre-Independence Kenya, the book by a fellow American, Charles Miller — *The Lunatic Express*.

I thought that this might be the end of the tour, but Obama was game for more. We drove out again along the Ngong Road, turned left and skirted Kibera. It was nearly dusk, so we cut back across the Ngong Road and made for Marcus Garvey Road and the popular Mama Oliech Restaurant.

Obama smiled at the American flags and the sign at the entrance: “Welcoming Obama with live band this Friday and Saturday”. We were too late for that but not too late for a hand wash at the basin in the yard and a welcome sit-down for a plate of *ugali aliyah* — with salted beef, onions and tomatoes.

“Almost as good as my grandmother makes it,” Obama said.

I asked him whether, after a rest, a shower and a change at his hotel, he would like to taste something of Nairobi’s nightlife. “Oh, no, we can’t! But thank you,” he said. “My head is spinning already. And, anyway, Michelle hasn’t granted me a visa for that.”

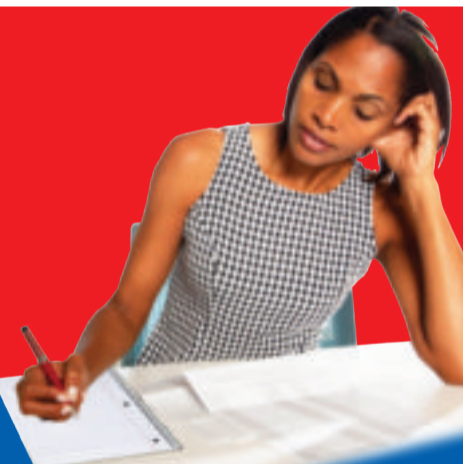
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It was a pleasant dream that President Barack Obama ate ugali at Mama Oliech Restaurant.

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Holiday parties bring joy but can turn into the worst nightmare

Marijuana-infused snacks have become a booming underground business. And their popularity should worry parents, teachers and even the government because the highly concentrated snacks are increasingly landing in the hands of youngsters looking for a discreet high, some of whom may be too young to know the difference between regular cookies and the ones laced with drugs

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Someone in Nairobi is currently busy collecting ingredients to bake bhang-laced cakes and cookies, mostly targeting teenagers or college students as the August holidays set in.

He knows youngsters will be holding lots of parties and his hopes are already sky-high.

He believes this will be just another season for staggering margins for an underground business he has been running since 2012.

Speaking to *Lifestyle* on Thursday, the dreadlocked man, who was comfortable being identified as Junior Mystik, was not even remorseful for whatever harm he may be bringing upon the young people, some of them minors.

To buttress his view, he even has a biblical verse from the book of Genesis that encourages the use of "plant-yielding seeds" and trees that are meant to be used by man.

There is everything to suggest that Junior Mystik is ready to use that verse to urge your loved one to taste a cake, a cookie, *mabuyu* (baobab seeds), simsim or anything from his "factory" which is laced with marijuana — a plant he says is of medicinal value — and packaged as ordinary products that can be sold on the streets without raising suspicion.

That he is more comfortable with illicit baking than seeking employment through his training as an IT specialist and graphic designer speaks volumes about where he believes the more satisfying "kilo-bytes" are.

"They prefer the cookies to smoking bhang because of the smell. No-one would really look at you twice for eating an ordinary-looking cookie. Cookies give you a lasting high. If you are a negative person, it will give you paranoia; but you'll relax if you are usually a positive person," Junior Mystik said.

The underground trader, who also sells bhang for those who want to smoke, explained that business usually peaked during the school holidays like this August, with house parties providing the biggest market.

"It's our peak season; same as the festive season," he said, adding that a single cookie could go for between Sh60 and Sh150.

"We hardly sell our products for birthdays and graduations because most of the time families are involved, so you can't risk. But house parties are the most popular," he said.

House parties, especially those held by youngsters living in affluent urban neighbourhoods, are gaining a reputation for all the wrong reasons.

While such laced products and use of recreational drugs are nothing new in Kenya, experts are concerned that the number of teenagers getting into the habit they consider "harmless" is worrying.

Eating bhang-laced cookies has different effects on different people. One teenager said he laughed uncontrollably while watching a movie after he accidentally ate them at a party while another fell into deep sleep for more than 12 hours after unwittingly consuming them — only to wake up when everyone had left the party and the house cleaned.

Martin, a resident of Nairobi's Komarock, said he felt dizzy, felt like the room was spinning, and developed a huge appetite after somebody gave him the cookies without telling him they were laced with drugs. He took water and milk to reverse the effects but had to be admitted to hospital when his condition worsened.

"Those things are strong. My heart was



beating very fast. I started sweating and it was at night; this was followed by vomiting and I felt as if the house had been turned upside down. Since I did not know that it was as a result of the cookies I had eaten, it took me about an hour to go to hospital. I was put on a drip and admitted. The effects lasted for days and I do not wish anyone to experience what I did. At some point you think you are going to die," he said.

A disc jockey who has attended a number of those parties had one word for what he has witnessed: crazy.

Mr Samuel Chomba, whose stage name is DJ Incredible, said he has been invited to play music in house parties held in, among other places, Nairobi's Runda, Karen and Muthaiga estates, and at the Coast. He charges at least Sh50,000.

"Most of these parties are for rich kids. At the parties, the youngsters really loosen up. You see someone switching from relaxed to hyper in a matter of minutes," he said, hinting that there may be widespread use of drugs. "But at the end of the day, it's just teens being teens."

DJ Incredible is, however, concerned about allegations he has heard of drugs like Ecstasy increasing becoming common and bhang being considered "normal".

"Such drugs can make one go crazy. In some cases, the youth consume them without their knowledge," he said.

He explains that parents organise house parties for their children mostly in the afternoons, though there are others which young people organise without the knowledge of their parents.



Though he says he usually has no control over the behaviour of his audience, the DJ advises that minors should keep off destructive behaviour.

"I believe they can have fun without drugs. Music is powerful enough," he said.

Ms Fatuma Musau, 41, has counselled a number of girls who have been raped after attending house parties.

She told *Lifestyle* that in most cases, a girl recounts having munched a cookie then later waking up in a stranger's bed.

A mother of two boys, Ms Musau is worried that most of these house parties are now nothing but sex orgies.



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"I have handled cases where a girl is brought with a story that she attended a party. Upon deeper probing, the plot often goes to cookies before she passed out," Ms Musau said.

The counsellor explained that the list of date rape drugs should now include bhang cookies.

"This is a substance that anyone who wants to take advantage of a girl will want to use," said Ms Musau, who revealed she was hooked to drugs at the age of 12 years before she later kicked the habit and became a counsellor.

"They usually say, 'I chewed a black-out then woke up in the morning with a stranger next to me,' Ms Musau noted.

Her fear of the danger of baked bhang products is not misplaced. In April 2014, Levy Thamba Pongi, 19, a Congolese student, died in Colorado after he accidentally ate a marijuana laced cookie at a party. After ingesting the drug — which is legalised in that state — he started exhibiting hostile behaviour, prompting the intervention of his friends.

Nairobi resident Mr Desmond Otieno accidentally ate one in 2011 and he has since learnt how to recognise them.

"Often, they look like the work of someone who was baking in a hurry. Normal cookies are crunchy but this type is a bit stuffed inside," said Mr Otieno, an accountant.

Having attended "over 60 house parties between 2012 and early 2015", Mr Otieno, too, conceded that marijuana products

were common at house parties.

"If you eat them unknowingly, your behaviour changes gradually. It can take up to three hours before its effects start being felt. The effects are worse if you eat the cookies when you are hungry," he said.

According to Ms Musau, more and more children are getting exposed to drugs because parents do not probe enough what is going to happen during a party.

She said parents should do some background checks before releasing their children to go to celebrate with their peers.

"We are so busy as parents and we don't bother asking where they are going to party, in whose house it will be held, who the parents of the host are and such concerns," she said.

Be curious

She added: "If my daughter tells me she is going to a house party at a certain home, what I should do as a parent is ask about the whereabouts of her (the host's) parents and find out which meals will be served. I would be interested in knowing what is on the menu."

Ms Musau advised that a parent should be watchful because even if the child said there were no weed cookies, there might be worse drugs like Ecstasy.

There have been various international news reports of children dying after experimenting with drugs such as Ecstasy during parties, and experts warn that the current trends in Kenya are pointing to

that direction if not checked.

To check against such eventualities, Ms Musau said, parents should make prior agreements with their children concerning the time they should return home.

"It should be made clear when the child should return. This is important because it is part of discipline. We don't want to be so tight so they don't have guts to come asking for permission; but freedom must come with responsibility," she said.

As minors troop home for the August holidays, teachers hope that learners in boarding schools will not use the freedom they have to explore drugs.

Mr Frank Osusu, a teacher at Kijabe Boys in Kiambu County, said they gave students holiday assignments to keep them occupied.

"As teachers, there's not much we can really do when they break for holidays and go into their parents' care. But we try to give them assignments on each subject to keep them occupied. It is, however, still hard to determine how much time they spend doing the assignment or what portion of their holiday they set aside for studies. It's difficult to trace what they do at home," he said.

Some of the signs of a child being hooked to drugs include physical deterioration, unhealthy eating habits like skipping meals, losing interest in activities that a person once liked, stealing and poor hygiene.

If you suspect that your child is using a certain drug, Ms Musau advised a cautious approach.

"Don't do what my mother did — taking me to a police station. You should sit down with them and explain why you are not comfortable with their traits and let them know you have witnessed a change of habit. If they are not ready to open up, contact a professional," she said.

Her advice to youths planning to hold parties: "There are different ways of having fun. You can go to a party and have fun without inducing happiness."

Parents should indeed be worried about who their children interact with as government figures show a steady rise in people convicted of handling dangerous drugs from 2012 onwards.

Those convicted were 4,181 in 2012; 4,316 the following year and 4,850 in 2014, according to the 2015 *Economic Survey*. A 2012 report by the National Authority for the Campaign against Alcohol and Drug Abuse said that bhang was the most easily available illicit drug in the country, followed by cocaine.

One of the casualties of the increased drug circulation is Steve, a young man who was hooked to smoking bhang while in high school. He was once a student at a secondary school in Murang'a County before his addiction got him expelled. The last time his one-time colleague Kelvin Kimani saw him, he was a beggar in Nairobi.

Mr Kimani said: "I couldn't recognise him at first. I had boarded a matatu heading to Thika and before it took off a shabby, shaggy person came at the entrance begging for cash or food, only to look closer and realise that he was familiar. The dirty man with torn clothes and bare-feet was my former classmate. I looked at him to see if he could recognise me out of disbelief but he didn't. He just went away murmuring to himself like most mentally disturbed people do.

He said Steve was bright and always on top in exams but the scenario changed when he started taking drugs. At Form Three, his performance dropped and even his mild character changed.

Mr Kimani, 25, said that Steve came from a rich family and many were puzzled by the direction he took.

"He never lacked anything. He could afford to buy full loaf of bread everyday whereas other students like us could just afford only a quarter," he said.



According to Nacada, bhang is the most abused drug.
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Police officers guard sacks of bhang they seized at Mtopanga Estate in Mombasa last week.
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How I beat the epilepsy threat to deliver baby

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IT IS NOT CREATIVITY THAT DRAWS MONEY. IT IS SIMPLY BUSINESS ACUMEN

Our fashion industry is ready for big growth expectations

There is anticipation fashion will create wealth and employment, pay taxes and grow the country's bottom line. For this to happen, designers must understand the boring parts of business.

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The just concluded Global Entrepreneurship Summit brought a few fashionable lessons to town. Lessons that could easily be missed. What it highlighted most is how serious the government is about fashion. It starts with the revival of the textile industry.

At a glance this seems an unimaginative move. After all, what does it have to do with the price of thread? The collapse of Rivatex in Eldoret, which has now been revived at considerable cost, has consistently been blamed on *mitumba* (second-hand clothes). It is a little more complicated. Somewhere inside the melting pot of Kenyan culture, delays at the port, erratic power supply affecting manufacturing and a very young industry, lies the body parts of our fashion industry.

Fashion is near impossible to copyright or patent. Ultimately a skirt is a skirt. Besides, trends move way too fast to be ensnared in legalities. But, if a designer creates a fabric, they can patent this. Designers cannot be creative if they do not understand fabric. So what could be better than making one?

It is an opportunity to see this as the part where intellectual property meets technology. It is forward thinking and so very fashion. Education systems and facilities will

need reviewing. Polytechnics, colleges and universities will need to generate talent. The government will have to consider policies, incentives and business practises. Kenya could be entering a whole new phase of trendsetting.

The fashion industry appeals largely to women and youth. The 2015 budget allows access to over Sh1.65 billion. Add to that the \$1 billion President Obama tabled. Half is dedicated to women and youth. Currently, Equity Bank is offering a Sh100 million loan to designers.

Here is the thing. It is not creativity that draws money. It will be business acumen. In order for designers to access financial and legal rewards, there is need for structure, plans, strategy and organisation. The kinds of qualities that make a business attractive to investors.

In anticipation of all this growth, there is a proposed National Design Bill which proposes the creation of the Kenya Institute of Design. It will be headed by a designer with about five years experience as well as educators, one each from a university or college, and a select few.

This institute will have the power to regulate the industry through a standard exam for designers that will in turn lead to the award of a practicing license. Without registration and licensing, the business is illegal. Office bearers will stay in office for two years with a renewable term. KIDE will among other things disburse funds, review education, act as liaison with other associations, local and international, and set up a tribunal to resolve disputes.

Frankly, KIDE is more than welcome. It will make the industry accountable. The government now has a vested interest in the success of a clothing line. A most fascinating position

for designers who have long felt unacknowledged.

There is an expectation fashion will create wealth and employment, pay taxes and grow Kenya's bottom line. For this to happen, designers must understand the boring parts of business.

Ultimately, designers are the heart of the fashion industry. Photographers, bloggers, journalists, stylists, media et al are moths to this flame, merely spreading the gospel of style. Fundamentally, it begins in the design studio.

Globally this industry is worth \$1.5 trillion annually and growing. Kenya cannot afford to be a footnote. It is time for our industry to ask not what the country can do for it, but what it can do with, and for the country.



PHOTO: CHARLES KAMAU
Former beauty Queen
Emma Too at a past event.



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Safe ways of hair removal

WE ARE ALL comfortable with the hair that grows on our heads but not that which grows on other parts of our bodies. As such, hair removal is a popular service in beauty salons. There are many different ways to remove hair from your body.

Temporary removal methods include waxing, which embeds the hairs causing them to be removed from the roots. Regrowth occurs after a month. The method is ideal for under arms, legs, bikini line and arms.

Depilatory creams are also used to remove hair temporarily. It is a strong alkaline which contains ammonium thioglycollate. When applied to the hair, it dissolves it at the skin's surface. Hair regrowth starts immediately.

The permanent methods include laser hair removal. Laser energy works by producing light at various wavelengths. When passed through the epidermis, it stops the activity of the hair follicle. The dark hair pigment absorbs the laser energy, which is converted to heat. This heat destroys the hair follicle. The more melanin in the hair against the skin, the better the laser works. It is, therefore, best recommended for light-skinned people with dark hair.

For women who experience persistent facial hair in the beard area, methods such as electrical currents are used. Also known as, electrolysis, the method uses a fine needle inserted into the hair follicle. The current destroys the hair root, preventing growth.

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VEGETABLE, FRUIT HYGIENE: Eating poorly washed fruits and veggies can cause diarrhoea and stomachaches. The most common cause is using the same knife and chopping boards used to cut raw meat. The meat bacterium may end up in your food.

KITCHEN TIP

COOKERY

Tropical salad with avocado

Refresh your palate by consuming plenty of fresh vegetables. Vegetables and salads should not just be confined to side dishes; they should be meals on their own occasionally. Try this wonderfully exotic salad made from locally available ingredients.

Preparation time: 30 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes
Serves 4



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Ingredients:

1 ripe avocado, sliced
¼-kg French beans
300 grams mixed leaves (lettuce, watercress, red cabbage, baby spinach)
4 ripe tomatoes, wedged
1 red pili pili hoho, sliced
1 tbsp fresh dhania, chopped (optional)
10 olives

Method:

1. Slice avocado and place in salad bowl. Boil the

French beans until tender and then place in cold water for a few minutes.

2. Arrange the mixed salad leaves on the platter with the avocados. Top with beans, tomatoes, tuna, and capsicum.

3. Sprinkle the chopped dhania (if using) on the salad and add olives. Serve with a vinaigrette salad dressing.

Cooking tips:

- To achieve a Mediterranean flavour, you may use oregano herb as an alternative to dhania
- Cut French beans at the top and tail and then remove the fibrous string on each side prior to boiling to help it cook faster.
- Always ensure that you use baby spinach in raw salads to ensure the taste is not bitter.

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HEALTH >> LINA NJORGE

Breastfeeding support for working moms

“BREASTFEEDING AND WORK; lets make it work” is the theme for this year’s World Breastfeeding Week which is celebrated annually from August 1 to 7.

The year’s theme seeks to promote a mother-friendly workplace initiative which is in line with the wider motive that is to encourage mothers to exclusively breastfeed their babies for the first six months.

The celebration aims to bring health professionals, advocates of breastfeeding and mothers together to support and raise awareness about the health and wellbeing benefits of the practice for mothers, children and society in general.

Exclusive breastfeeding guards children against diseases such as jaundice, pneumonia and cholera, among others.

This year, the focus is on supporting the working mother and adopting a comprehensive breastfeeding culture at the workplace.

Breastfeeding mothers who work at home, such as housewives, or in more informal settings such as markets or farms, also require support from their family and the

community around them.

The ministry of Health’s department of Nutrition and Dietetics has come up with some guidelines for all employers to provide time, space and support for breastfeeding mothers in their workplace:

- Time: Provide a minimum of 14 weeks of maternity leave for mother and two weeks paternity leave for male employees, as stipulated in the Kenyan Employment Act.

- Allowing short breaks for mothers to breastfeed and express breast milk, and review workplace policies to incorporate flex time (such as part-time work schedules, longer lunch breaks, job-sharing) until their babies are at least two years old)

- Space: Provide a designated clean, private area for mothers to express milk or breastfeed their babies (including storage facilities to keep milk safe). Providing a supportive environment including appropriate furniture (chair/table) and access to water and soap to clean storage items

- Support: Promote exclusive breastfeeding through workplace sensitisation. Adopting supportive policies and practices that enable women to successfully return to work (guidance for supervisors, encouraging positive accepting attitudes from other employees, allowing babies in the workplace).

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My battle as a pregnant woman with epilepsy

Although the former beauty queen and her husband were nervous when the pregnancy was confirmed, she is now looking forward to the fresh challenge of being a mother battling to manage the condition while raising her child

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She took a gamble a few years ago when she revealed she was epileptic. It was an unexpected declaration from a young and vibrant model — who once held the Miss University of Nairobi crown. But Bernice Mugambi had decided to be an ambassador for those like her that face stigma for living with a difficult condition characterised by seizures.

The last nine months have, however, marked a new, and unpredictable, phase in her life, as a pregnant epileptic woman.

"Well, you see, the pregnancy was not planned so when I found out, I was a bit nervous," she said.

She was not the only nervous party. Her husband, Stephens Okurut, and her doctors were anxious too. But Bernice was determined to pull through and keep her unborn baby from harm, considering that she could experience seizures without warning. Besides, a seizure could increase chances of a miscarriage or stillbirth. Then there were the drugs she was sometimes required to take, which she was warned could harm the foetus.

Bernice, therefore, had to constantly contact her doctors and other epileptic women who had successfully given birth to get tips on handling the situation. She found hope in epileptic parents who had delivered more than one healthy baby, deriving strength from such families and looking forward to a perfect family of her own.

"God has been good to me and these have been the happiest months of my life. I have not suffered a single episode of seizure and I am off any epilepsy medication," said Bernice.

The concerns were genuine because epileptics are usually re-

quired to take medication to keep seizures in check, but the drugs sometimes affect the development of the foetus. In some instances, epileptic women are told not to get pregnant. However, medical reviews show that a big percentage of pregnant women with epilepsy deliver healthy babies.

Apparently, Bernice did not want to hear any bad news so when she realised she was pregnant, she booked an appointment with her doctor, who she said was supportive.

She said: "You can live a normal life if you kick away self-pity. You know there is stigma, and then there is self-stigma, which is even worse. You have to tell yourself that you are just like everyone else, because everyone has something they are battling, it doesn't have to be medical."

Bernice said the doctors who had been monitoring her also noted that some mothers experienced a decrease in seizure frequency after delivery. She said that being an ambassador for the National Epilepsy Coordination Committee had emboldened her to face even the toughest situations. She has also founded the Hatua Afrika Foundation that she hopes will help persons with epi-



Bernice Mugambi at a past event. PHOTO | FILE

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lepsy, especially women, equip themselves economically and socially. Her organisation is involved in inspirational speaking around schools and management of support groups for members to share experiences. The former model was pleasantly surprised a few weeks ago during a baby shower party her friends had organised in Nairobi's

Upper Hill after she learnt she had won Sh50,000 worth of shopping from OLX, an online marketplace. Her friends had secretly nominated her for the *ZawadikaNaOLX* competition.

Ms Grace Mutanu, one of her friends, said she had never seen Bernice as happy as she has been in the course of her pregnancy.

During the interview with *Lifestyle*, Bernice said she was amused her story had attracted media attention yet "I am just a girl in love who is about to bring forth the fruit of that love".

A few days after her interview with *Lifestyle* two weeks ago, Bernice marked a milestone after giving birth to a healthy baby girl. She says the baby has given a new meaning to her life and she is thankful to God as she looks forward to the fresh challenge as a mother battling to manage epilepsy.

Book Review

A practical guide on the art of leisure writing

Book title: *As An Example*
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Life is full of experiences and encounters that are unique to each individual. Some of these encounters happen in formalised arenas such as learning institutions, home, work places and the like. Yet a majority occur spontaneously in our daily lives.

But there seems not to be a time in sight

when such information may be of relevance to our fruitful living. There are errors that we spot daily in people's speech, the press and in our professions.

In the book *As An Example*, Nyanginja Oselle champions writing as the best avenue to capture every moment.

It is a well thought-out piece that motivates one to write, gives a general outline of writing, develops one's understanding of various Internet tools, guides on drawing up strategies for marketing of one's writing and

touches adequately on the passive income source of web blogging.

This guide is in a class of its own. It puts in one brief practical piece, what would require countless volumes or seminars to achieve. This enormously reduces the cost to the reader.

I would highly recommend this guide to professionals and people whose daily lives involve a lot of interaction with nature and people; as a means to help them calm their anxiety by bringing to light some of the

experiences. Not to forget, there is the possibility of boundless financial rewards.

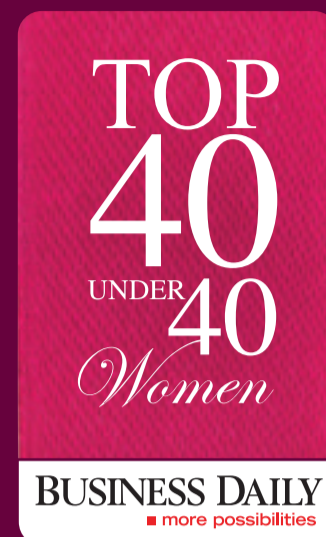
Currently *As An Example* is available only on order by email through address d.nyanginjao@gmail.com or d.nyanginjao@yahoo.com.

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NEXT TIME THE GES GOES TO MASHINANI, MWISHO WA LAMI WILL BE A GOOD VENUE

Although Mwisho wa Lami had no representative at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit held in Nairobi last week, I can assure you that this great hamlet has amazing entrepreneurs. President Barack Obama would have been impressed by many of them whose creativity, grit, foresight, perseverance and never-give-up attitude have seen them survive in a difficult business environment.

Other than yours truly and a few colleagues at school, the chief, MCA, and dispensary workers, the rest of the people in Mwisho wa Lami make a living purely from entrepreneurship. Join me in celebrating a few of them:

Hitler the Thirst Quencher

Not many business people in Mwisho wa Lami can confidently say that their business has helped them. Hitler is the exception. He is Mwisho wa Lami's oldest entrepreneur, having served my grandfather, my father and is now serving me. I have no doubt he will serve my children.

His ability to change with the times – like when he shifted to serving us from his maize plantations; his never-give-up attitude – in the face of frequent police arrests; and deep understanding of market dynamics have seen him remain the undisputed thirst quencher in Mwisho wa Lami.

And he has something to show for it: a good house, three bicycles, a well maintained wife and well-educated children. His last born is now in Form 3 while the rest all went to polytechnic.

Rasto the Jack of all Trades

For years, whenever your *jembe*, *panga*, slasher or knife needed a handle, there has always been one person to go to in Mwisho wa Lami: Rasto. Having inherited the skill from his father, he is the first to fully commercialise this skill. Unlike his father, Rasto did not just end at making handles.

He learnt about bicycles, Radios and TVs. He did not go to school. The entrepreneur in him pushed him to learn how to repair these things. If you have ever passed at his home, you will agree with me that at any given time, he is either repairing a bicycle, radio, or making handles that he now sells on market days.

Recently he started repairing umbrellas and I have seen people come to him from far

If you have ever passed at Rasto's home, you will agree with me that at any given time, he is always either repairing a bicycle or a radio.



Meet Mwisho wa Lami's finest entrepreneurs

and wide to have him repair their umbrellas. It is therefore no wonder that Rasto is one of the most liquid people you will ever meet in Mwisho wa Lami. At Hitler's, Rasto rarely takes pick-ups on credit since he has a few coins to spend every day all year round.

Dr Alfayo

Alfayo is one of those entrepreneurs you can say saw a need and met the need. Unlike many entrepreneurs who merely took over and commercialised their father's occupations, Alfayo is different. His father never reared any cattle.

In fact, Alfayo himself rears no livestock, but over the years, he has distinguished himself as an expert in livestock matters – specialising in cattle. He is a vet who knows all herbs for all livestock ailments. If you visit his house, you will find all manner of herbs in different packages.

Alfayo has also successfully applied the principal of diversification: he also treats people using herbs and we have testimonials. A few years ago, he learnt how to use the syringe and has been specialising in treating women, who troop to



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his home for treatment.

Nyayo the termites harvester

After trying his hand at various things, Nyayo seems to have settled on one profession – harvesting *kumbekumbe*. While this is something we all grew up doing, no one ever imagined that you could sell them. Except Nyayo. Last year in April during the heavy rains, he harvested so many that he started selling

them at the market. The sales were good and he has never looked back ever since.

The only challenge is that there are various varieties of *kumbekumbe* that come during different seasons. In between, Nyayo collects mushrooms for sale but this too has its seasons. Whenever *kumbekumbe* and mushrooms are out of season, it is never advisable for Nyayo to visit you. He always walks away with your valuable. That said, Nyayo's entrepreneurship skill win simply because of its creativity and uniqueness.

Anindo the mandazi queen

As soon as I abandoned the *mandazi* business on the weight of debts, Anindo, Nyayo's wife, took over. Unlike me who has school duties, Anindo has all the time to supply the *mandazis* to customers, and visit them back collecting the money.

Unlike me who was interested in selling to everyone, Anindo chooses her clients carefully. The school is also a great market for her and she is always there during break time. There have been complaints from parents that many children steal coins at home to use them to buy Anindo's *mandazis* but we have

all agreed that Anindo's is legitimate business.

Lutta the chicken monger

You know Lutta as the meanest teacher in this side of the Sahara. He also happens to be the most monied person around – other than the shopkeeper – although he doesn't show it. When he is not teaching, which is most of the time, Lutta is a regionally recognised chicken monger. He buys chicks, feeds them and sells them at a profit. He also buys fully grown chickens at low prices and sells at high prices.

Two years ago, he started leasing out chicken. It's a simple plan: Lutta gives you hen to take care of, once it hatches, he takes it away plus the chicks, – only leaving you with one or two chicks. It is relatively successful since quite a few homes have subscribed. Slowly by slowly he has very few chickens at his home as most are in people's homes. It is not uncommon for him to send a buyer to collect a hen from your home a day before hatching!

He must be doing well, for he is our local shylock – but only lends to teachers. If any person who is not a teacher needs an emergency loan, they must come through a teacher.

Dre, the king of startups

I do not like bragging but if there was any award for the highest number of startups in Mwisho wa Lami and its environs, that would be awarded to me. I was once an oil baron – supplying kerosene to the entire Mwisho wa Lami; home shopkeeper who sold most household items from the house; chief *mandazi* baker – a business that collapsed on the weight of debts; done tuition for students among others.

Despite all these start-ups falling by the way side, I remain hopeful that I will one day be a great businessman. My idea of owning several posho mills, owning a fleet of boda boda bicycles and motorcycles, as well as opening a chicken butchery at Mwisho wa Lami are all original ideas which should I get some good financing will surely take me places.

So next time the Global Entrepreneurship Summit goes *mashinani*, Mwisho wa Lami would be a good venue to showcase how local entrepreneurs are changing the lives of people.

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JOKES

Soup of the day - Tequila.

Well behaved women rarely make history.

If money is the root of all evil, why do Churches beg for it?

Don't worry what people think. They don't do it very often.

Shall return in five minutes. But if not, read this message again.

Teacher: Why did you only acquire 20pc in physics?

Tommy: Because I said I understood

it, just to make you smile.

What is a computer stand-alone system? It doesn't come with a chair.

What ended in 1896? 1895.

Why would living close to a mobile phone mast, cause ill-health? You might walk into it.

What is the brain? It is like the Bermuda Triangle. When information goes in, it is never found again.

Fendy: Where are you going?

Wendy: To commit suicide.

Fendy: Why so much heavy make-up?

Wendy: Because, tomorrow my face will be in all the papers.

Walter: What is this place called?

Gloria: The John Smith Motel.

Walter: Probably because its majority customers use the same name!

Anyone can make you happy by doing something special. But only someone special can make you happy, without doing anything. **Marriage is really tough, because one has to deal with feelings and lawyers.**

Love is grand. Divorce is a hundred grand.

Molly: How was your new secretary?
Moses: She walked in to my office

like a centipede with 98 legs missing, looking like a bulldog chewing a wasp.

Molly: That gives me some security, at least.

Dennis: Did you enjoy the modernised Romeo and Juliet?

Boris: The only thing moving about this edition was Romeo's wig.

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My advice to the youth: Make your ideas happen

Ruth Mwanzia is founder of Koola Water Company. She shares with *Lifestyle* about her journey into business



WOMAN TO WOMAN

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Q: Tell us about yourself?

A: I am a 26-year-old woman, a strong believer in God and the director of Koola Waters Company. I am pursuing a Master's degree at Africa Nazarene University.

Tell us about your company

The company manufactures, packages and treats drinking water in Karen. I started in October last year.

What motivated you?

As a child I wanted to be a neurosurgeon, and I loved reading Ben Carson's books which really inspired me, but with age my interests changed. What motivated me was my passion to provide clean and safe drinking water in Kitui which is where I come from. It's a semi-arid area and it rarely rains and there is scarcity of clean water. Growing up, most children used to suffer from water borne diseases. I was motivated to come up with a solution.

Did you venture into business soon after college?

No. I first got a job as a communications officer in a government department.

Why the name Koola? What does it mean?

Koola Waters, it is a connotation of the name cool, because when you drink water it leaves you cool and hydrated. And also "K" stands for Karen where it is manufactured and "K" stands for Kenya. My mother suggested the name and I loved it.

How much did you invest initially?

I invested about Sh2 million.

Where did you get the capital?

From my personal savings and my parents and a few close friends. We went to Davis & Shirtliff and bought the treatment plant. We then registered the company and got the relevant certification from Kebs (the Kenya Bureau of Standards).

What did the Global Entrepreneurship Summit mean to you; did you learn anything new?

That Kenya has so much

potential for growth and that doing business in Kenya is possible, you just need to have a great business plan. There are many venture capitalists and investors willing to invest in good businesses.

How is the journey since you started your company?

It has been both tough and enjoyable. I have learned a lot and still learning because I am doing what I love and that brings me so much joy.

What challenges have you encountered so far?

Competition and also penetrating the market sometimes take time. It is not easy to get into the market as a startup. It took me time but I am happy I have a share of the market.

What would you tell young people who want to start their businesses?

That they should not sit on their ideas, they should share them and start. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single stride. If they have an idea, they should not be worried where the capital is going to come from. Little by little they will realise their goals.

What exactly do you do at the company?

I do everything from packaging the water, marketing the product and supervising the company's operations.

Are you married? If not are you dating?

No, for now I am single, my hands are full.

What do you love doing at your free time?

As part of my CSR project I am working with a few friends and my networking group, Nairobi Young City Entrepreneurs, to build a better shelter for the children at the Korogocho Children's Centre.

What in your life has brought you the greatest satisfaction?

I would say salvation and having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

What is your day like?

I wake up at 5am, do my devotion. The rest of the day is spent managing the company's operations and in the evening I go to class.

What are your future plans?

I want Koola Waters to expand and get to be known throughout East Africa and for it to be a household name in Kenya.

Where do you go on holiday?

I love

going to the Coast because of the climate and sandy beaches and Dubai because I love shopping.

Who are your role models?

I have many; in leadership I admire the late (South African) President Nelson Mandela, in business I admire (British businessman) Richard Branson and in education I admire Ben Carson (a US politician, author and doctor).

What keeps you going?

My faith in God, strong family support and love, and a few close friends.

Your favourite food?

Pilau, grilled chicken and mukimo.

What do you like doing for fun?

I love travelling, reading and blogging.



MOTERING » GAVIN BENNETT

Treat your vehicle well and it will serve you

ANY ADVICE ON good driving will use the words "smooth" and "gentle". Rightly so. Smooth and gentle driving will use less fuel, inflict less wear and tear on every component, usually be safer, and always be more comfortable for passengers.

But in practice, what do smooth and gentle mean other than "not jerky" and "not too harshly"? Would that be gentle as if handling an injured butterfly, or gentle as if trying to give an injection to an angry bull?

After all, F1's Lewis Hamilton drives relatively "gently" if his tyres are too worn, or his fuel is running out, or his brakes are overheating. Yet he may still be driving at 300 kph and developing cornering forces of 4G! Clearly, "gentle" is written with a very broad brush and its exact degree will vary according to circumstances. For example, when overtaking, smooth is still good but gentle is entirely the

wrong policy. Go! Get on with it! Get in a gear that gives you maximum acceleration and give the accelerator a smooth but firm push. To the floorboards if necessary.

Similarly, on rippled road surfaces "gently" does not always mean "slowly". Things like corrugations have an "optimum" speed depending on their wavelength, and sometimes a bit faster is a lot smoother.

Flow of traffic

Also, you should never drive so gently that you represent an obstruction to the ambient flow of traffic. There's a world of difference between smooth-and-gently and either dithering or dawdling.

But among all these variations from moment to moment, I can offer a good principle and a more specific measure of gentleness as a background theme to all your motoring and the whole life of your

vehicle. It might be called "Half Measures".

Find out and consider your vehicle's maximum performance. Principally its top speed (check the speed dial), its top revs (check the red line on the rev counter), and its maximum load (read the handbook). Then, as far as possible, use the vehicle at not more than half the maximum. Cruise at half its marked top speed; change gear at half its red line rev limit, try to keep the luggage and cargo (including people) at half its maximum payload.

Crossing those limits may be necessary from time to time, but regard anything above half as harsh.

And at any level, do things smoothly (gradual and progressive changes of speed or direction, not slam-bang-thank you-ma'am).

If you do that, your running costs will come down and the reliability, durability and resale value of the

vehicle will go up. And the difference is not small.

Compared with a vehicle used in "half-measures", a vehicle used harshly and at or near the max will at least double its fuel consumption, tyre wear, engine wear, suspension damage, bodywork fatigue, parts consumption, break-down frequency, and overall rate of depreciation.

And yet there will be very little difference in its utility value or journey times.

Do the math. And pick a vehicle (engine size, payload etc) that will do the work you want it to do well within its capacity. Picking a vehicle that will have to "max" on a daily basis is not efficient; it is a false economy. And that applies to everything from private cars to juggernaut transporters.

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ASIAN SCENE » ALLAUDIN QURESHI

Eloquent story of a journey to Kenya

"This book is about our ancestors, both family and collective. Our ancestors did not leave eloquent writings but they left eloquent lives. Those lives are as eloquent as any words we admire in any political writing. It is our duty to read those lives and turn their sacrifices into the national narrative and national purposes they died for."

These were the opening remarks of Pheroze Norowjee, whose book *A Kenyan Journey* was launched by Chief Justice Willy Mutunga recently. The launch was hosted by Gina Din-Kariuki at Kaputei Gardens, Kileleshwa, in the presence of Foreign Affairs Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed, members of diplomatic corps, prominent politicians and local dignitaries.

A Kenyan Journey is more than just a history of Norowjee's ancestors, their Indian origin and settlement in an unknown land. It is about their sterling contribution to the land of their adoption. It is about national history and it mirrors the collective histories of many other families which have made Kenya their home.

Norowjee's book is refreshing, informative and thought provoking. More than the journey of a family, it explores the aspirations of people in all aspects of communal, cultural and political life. Highlights of the history are captured, with illustrations, photographs, historical letters, post cards, legal documents and paintings. It's a fascinating and colourful journey.

The Norowjee we know is a prominent lawyer, human rights activist and champion of the Asian African Heritage. He is one of the few members of the Asian community who have actively taken up the cause of human rights. Many younger lawyers cite him as a mentor.

Dr Mutunga echoed these sentiments at the launch, calling him "a mentor, great advocate and senior counsel."

A Kenyan Journey is informative and poetic, making for effortless reading. Norowjee weaves his experiences, observations and sentiments of not only the South East Asian community but of the Kenyan nation as a whole. Some one very rightly commented, "the book is not an ordinary memoir of family ties and stories of long ago. The writer's purpose is both personal and political — to situate himself and others of Indian origin as rightful actors in their own story, and that of Kenya."

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Reflections on a fertile desert, thanks to literary icon Chakava

He made it possible for publisher to leave an indelible mark in the industry, with its titles taking the lion's share of the market

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One cool evening in the early 1990s, a happy group gathered at the then Kijabe Street premises of the East African Educational Publishers (EAEP), with Mr Henry Chakava as the host.

Chakava had guests from England, stakeholders in the company he headed. The gathering was rather informal — mainly cocktails.

My first association with Chakava had come years earlier when he had asked me to develop an English course for Kenyan secondary schools. This was after I had assessed a similar course, already published, that had been in use in Nigeria for some years.

My report on it had not been very positive, as I had categorically dismissed it as utterly unsuitable for Kenyan schools. The Kijabe cocktails came not long after my report and Chakava's invitation to develop an authentic Kenyan course.

Part of Chakava's agenda during the cocktails was to introduce me to the visitors from Britain, who were rather sceptical about whether I could see the project through. It was a tall order, they warned, whereupon Chakava, a smile on his face, brushed their doubts aside while reciting my (rather undeserved) credentials.

As he would write later in his 1996 book, *Publishing in Africa: One Man's Perspective*, he had had run-ins with his superiors in London when he had opposed the publication of a similar course written by the then UK English language Inspector in Nairobi.

"You cannot publish an English course for African pupils based on



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President Uhuru Kenyatta (right) shakes hands with Prof Ngugi wa Thiong'o as publisher Mr Henry Chakava looks on.

material that is out of their cultural, social and philosophical content," he had argued, and I think that was why he had commissioned me to initiate a hopefully authentic course for the Kenyan market.

By that time, Chakava was at the helm of one of the leading publishing companies in Kenya. His vantage point made it possible to leave an indelible mark in general educational publishing, with EAEP titles taking the lion's share of the market from pre-school to tertiary education levels.

The company was also prominent on the Kenyan creative writing scene, publishing some of the country's top authors and others from elsewhere. Specifically, Chakava had made a mark by bringing out locally published editions of the works of top authors in the then popular African Writers Series (AWS), including Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Chinua Achebe and Peter Abrahams — who this time were published in EAEP's Peak Series.

Apart from reissuing the AWS books, Chakava had also taken it upon himself to identify new talent. It was thus that books by Kenyan writers like Meja Mwangi and Mwangi Ruheni saw the light

of day. The Peak Series became very important for serious aspiring authors. The list of writers eventually accommodated top names like Grace Ogot, Marjorie Oludhe MacGoye, Yusuf Dawood and Wamohi Mutahi.

Lighter reading

Still going strong to this day, the series has recently published two titles, *The Stillborn* by Nigerian writer Diekoye Oyeiyinka, and *The Curse of Somaal* by up-and-coming Kenyan writer Paul Mwangi.

To cater for readers who prefer lighter reading materials, Chakava and his EAEP team developed the now famous Spear Books, whose success was phenomenal. Flag bearers included writers like John Kiriamiti, whose titles sold like hot cake. Others include Charles Mangwa, David Maillu, Yusuf Dawood, Sam Kahiga, Mwangi Ruheni and Mwangi Gicheru.

There are two new books in the series by veterans Meja Mwangi — with his latest title, *Rafiki Man Guitar*, published elsewhere earlier — and John Kiriamiti, whose *The Abduction Squad* is bound to cause ripples. Also making its appearance is *The American Dream* by

new writer Samuel Wachira.

From the creative Ngugi wa Thiong'o family, the series has welcomed son Mukuma wa Ngugi with his *Nairobi Heat*. This year he was joined by his siblings Nduchu and Wanjiku wa Ngugi, respectively, with their titles *City Murders* and *The Fall of Saints*.

Part of Chakava's legacy was the launching of the EAEP drama series and the "Poets from Africa".

The former saw the emergence into prominence of thespians like John Ruganda and Francis Imbuga, who EAEP inherited from the collapsed East African Publishing House. Also published in the series were works by Alamin Mazrui, Okoiti O Omtata and Joe de Graft among others.

The poetry imprint became home to famous names like Okot p'Bitek, Okello Oculi, Taban Lo Liyong, Micere Githae Mugo, Marjorie Oludhe MacGoye and Jared Angira, whose last offering was a collection titled *Lament of the Silent and Other Poems*.

A particularly impressive collection in the series was *When Bullets Begin to Flower*, an anthology of poems from Portuguese-speaking Africa edited by Margaret Dickson — also inherited from East African Publishing House.

There, too, were general interest books, including autobiographical works by Valerie Cuthbert, Susan Wood, Michael Blundell, Joseph Maina Mungai and Njenga Karume, Annabel Maule, Madatally Manji, GG Kariuki and Jeremiah Kiereini. The latest in the series is the forthcoming title, *My Journey Through African Heritage* by Allan Donovan. These joined autobiographical works by the likes of Ngugi wa Thiong'o and Yusuf Dawood.

As for the course Chakava commissioned me to initiate, the first two books eventually came out after being delayed by the vagaries of co-authorship, among other things. Regarding the third book, I still have the typescript somewhere in my lair near the Indian Ocean.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Festival to promote 'poetry and orality'

A host of international poets will be in Kenya this month for the Kistrech Poetry Festival, to be held at Kenyatta University (KU), University of Nairobi (UoN), and Kisii University on August 4, 5, and 6 to 10, respectively. The expected poets include Godspower Oboido (Nigeria), and Opal Palmer Adisa (US, Virgin Islands) at KU and UoN, and Katharina Koppe (Germany) and Christopher Okemwa (Kenya), the festival's founder, at Kisii University. This is the third edition of the event, whose theme is "Poetry and Orality".

Photo show on climate change and resilience

Nairobi National Museum is today hosting a photo exhibition on how farmers in Kenya adapt to climate change. The display, titled "The Era of Resilience - Kenyan Farmers' Journey", is based on a report by Greenpeace International. The nonprofit firm says: "In October 2014, we interviewed farmers and members of organisations that support them in West and Eastern Kenya. Our aim was to identify which practices are being used successfully to build resilience, and alternatively which practices increase vulnerability". It says the exhibition tells stories of hope and inspiration for an ecological future of agriculture in Africa.

'Tomorrow is Today' art expo at One Off gallery

Artist Peter Ngugi is holding an exhibition at the One Off Contemporary Gallery in Nairobi. According to the organisers, the display will feature a range of works including oil on canvas paintings, timber cutouts and mixed media assemblages. "Many of the works carry a political message but fans of Ngugi's animal series will not be disappointed," they say. Ngugi started out as a realist painter using oils. His art later changed from realism to contemporary style. "Tomorrow is Today" closes on September 2.

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FESTIVALS

Youths earn their daily bread through drama

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When a group of young unemployed youth in Dagoretti South decided to find means of earning their daily bread together, drama came to mind. And ever since 2012 when they formed the group known as Dagoretti Drama School, the talented youths have been making baby steps in efforts to join the league of renowned artistes.

And, for the first time since formation, the group has

ventured outside its comfort zone of Dagoretti where they have been performing at the Amref Centre in Mutuini Ward and in the streets. They have been staging the hilarious comedy *The Disrupted Wedding*, at the Wida Highway Motel near Kikuyu town since Friday. The show ends with the final production this evening starting 6.30 pm.

The Disrupted Wedding is basically a farce meant to crack your ribs without overworking your brain with heavy messages. It is about a young man whose wife plans

and invites guests to their wedding in total disregard of his wishes. The thing is that the couple is absolutely broke. The man faces a hard time and invites a close friend to help him prepare for the nuptials.

The real action takes place in a "matatu" that the groom has hired to take him, his wife and guests to church. The plan is that since the man cannot afford to pay a pastor, the matatu driver will play the role with his conductor as master of ceremony. The play is written by Ephantus Karanja and directed by Onesmus Kamau.



ANTHONY NJAGI | NATION
Ephantus Karanja and Onesmus Kamau of Dagoretti Drama School.

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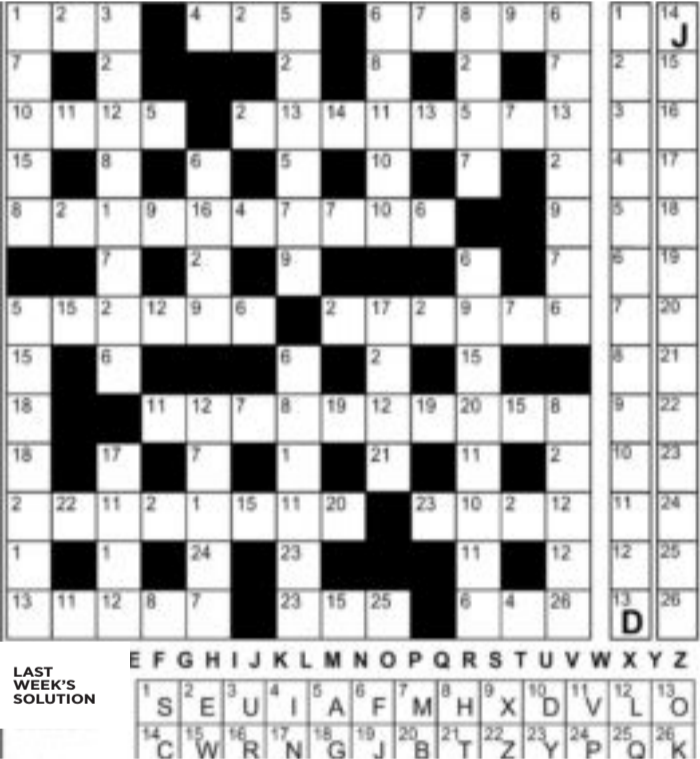
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10:00 Movie: Siblings
12:00 CNN



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CODEWORD

Each number in our codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 13 represents D so fill in D every time the figure 13 appears. You have one letter in the control grid to start you off. Enter it in the appropriate squares in the main grid, and then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them. Solution in next week's paper.




LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

SUDOKU

Sudoku with Steers

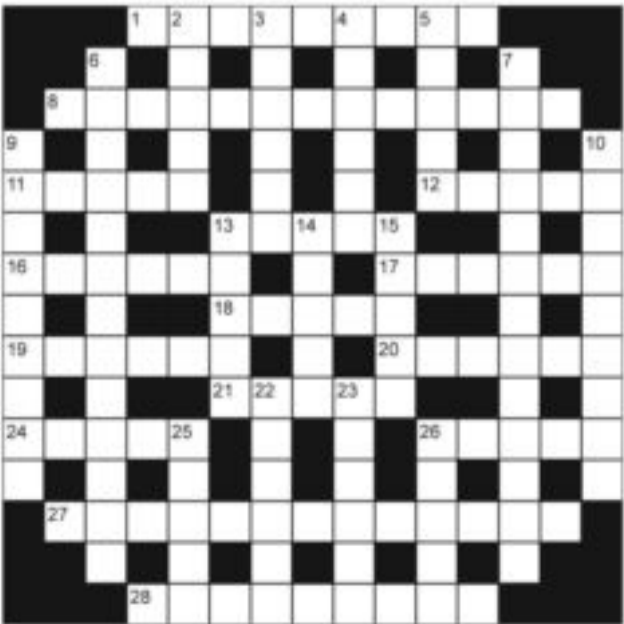
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Yesterday's solution

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- ACROSS**
- 1 One striking on the square? (9)
8 Solo pad fairly disturbed for amusing ritual (5,5,3)
11 Film proving difficult? (5)
12 Equate liberal President once with Norway (5)
13 House showing sign of decay? Not at first (5)
16 Explosive material found by a friend in New Mexico (6)
17 Coppers, say, put on new gear (6)
18 Custom defended by genius, a gentleman (5)
19 Rank Rodin's work, say, showing no little energy (6)
20 A ship covered in new gold found in island capital (6)
21 Host representing eleven hundred in Rome, we hear (5)
24 Mischievous fellow crossing river heading west (5)
26 Chief discussed part of New England (5)
27 Trick played in lesson almost surprising figure in pack? (9,4)
28 Standard place for magistrates to observe (9)

- DOWN**
- 2 Intelligent bachelor dismissed as being wet? (5)
3 Chest of one who's chesty, by the sound of it (6)
4 Develop foreign car with trim to be kept by Eastern European (6)
5 Support for painting shown in retrospective, a sell-out (5)
6 Interval on deck in a far-off base? (5,8)
7 Mobility aids left amid stirring criticism by some initially (7,6)
9 Section in top ranks' term for one orchestrating stunt (9)
10 How one might describe American newspaper staff not fully employed? (9)
13 Distract a foreign character with outsiders in square (5)
14 Account following one that helps to save OT character (5)
15 Part of dramatic production noticed in audience (5)
22 One's disturbed chap facing start of crossword (6)
23 English doctor, composed when leaving top preserve (6)
25 Speciality in hotel occupying French resort (5)
26 Premier source of joy held by short New Zealander (5)

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12 Turnthetables
14 Pleasing
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26 Sets
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"DRISHYAM" (TBA) 11AM, 2.30PM, 9PM
"BAJRANGI BHAIIJAAN " (GE) 5.45PM

SCREEN II
"INSIDE OUT" (3D) (P/G) 11AM
"PIXELS" (3D) (TBA) 1.45PM, 4PM, 9.10PM
"PAPER TOWNS" (TBA)6.10PM

CENTURY CINEMAX JUNCTION,
NGONG ROAD

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"SURVIVOR" (2D) (16) 6PM, 8PM, 10PM

SCREEN II
"PIXELS" (3D) (PG) 1PM, 3.15PM, 5.30PM, 7.45PM, 10PM

SCREEN III
"PAPER TOWNS" (2D) (16) 1PM, 3.15PM, 5.30PM, 7.45PM, 10PM

SCREEN IV
"MINIONS" (3D) (P/G) 10AM, 12PM, 2PM, 4PM, 6PM
"ANT MAN " (3D)" (PG) 7.45PM, 10PM

PLANET MEDIA, PRESTIGE PLAZA,
NGONG ROAD

"INSIDE OUT" (3D) PG) 11.40AM, 2.30PM
"PAPER TOWNS" (TBA) 11.10AM, 4PM
"BAJRANGI BHAIIJAAN " (BOLLYWOOD) 9PM
"DRISHYAN" (TBA) 10AM, 3.30PM
"PIXELS" (TBA) 1.10PM, 6.40PM

PLANET MEDIA, WESTGATE MALL
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"PAPER TOWNS" (2D) (TBA) 11.20AM, 2.10PM, 4.20PM, 6.30PM, 8.40PM
"INSIDE OUT" (2D) (TBA) 10.30AM, 12.30PM, 2.20PM
"ANT MAN" (2D) (P/G) 4.20PM, 6.40PM, 9PM
"MINIONS" (2D) (G/E) 11.30AM, 1.40PM, 3.40PM
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"BAAHUBALI" (BOLLYWOOD) (16) 5.40PM, 8.40PM
"BAJRANGI BHAIIJAAN " (PG) 11.10AM, 2.20PM, 5.30PM, 8.50PM

IMAX KENYA CINEMA, NAIROBI

"ANT MAN" 9AM, 9.50PM
"PIXELS" 11.10AM, 1.20PM, 3.30PM, 5.40PM, 7.50PM

ANGA SKY CINEMA, PANARI HOTEL

"ANT MAN" (3D)" 7AM, 11.20AM, 3.40PM, 8PM, 12.20AM
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"PAPER TOWNS" 7.20AM, 4PM, 12AM
"INSIDE OUT" 9.20AM, 12.40PM
"MINIONS" 11AM, 2.20PM
"BAJRANGI BHAIIJAAN " 6PM, 9PM

KISUMU
PLANET MEDIA CINEMAS, NAKUMATT MEGA CITY MALL
"DRISHYAM" (BOLLYWOOD) (TBA) 12.10PM, 6PM
"PAPER TOWNS" (TBA) 3PM, 6.45PM, 8.50PM
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"INSIDE OUT" (3D) PG) 1.20PM
"BAJRANGI BHAIIJAAN " (PG) 3.10PM

MOMBASA
NYALI CINEMAX-MOMBASA
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"DIL DHADAKNE" 10.15AM
"BAJRANGI BHAIIJAAN " 1.30PM, 9.30PM
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"PIXELS" (2D) 4.45PM
"DRISHYAM" 5.45PM, 9.15PM
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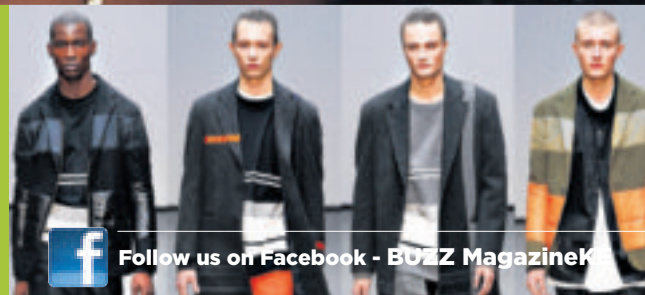


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SHOWBUZZ

with JOHN MUCHIRI @moshiiri

Amani and Wahu double song release; growth or competition?

Two of the most popular Kenyan female artistes, Amani and Wahu, have flexed their musical muscles by launching their new songs at the same time. On Thursday, Wahu launched her new song *Nenda* featuring Moti Ice, while Amani released *Heartbreaker*. Unlike Amani, Wahu launched both an audio and video. The two have been off the music scene for a while, although Amani had recently released a song, *Kizungu Zungu*. This is the first time the songbirds have gone head to head, prompting many to think it was not a coincidence but a show of might. Those in the know, however, say its a show of maturity and growth.



J Blessing and Shantel bereaved

Celebrity couple J Blessing and Shantel are mourning the death of their six-month old son, which occurred on Thursday. Speaking to J Blessing, a popular music video director, their son was only in hospital for a day before his death. “We cannot say much because we are still mourning, but we leave everything to God,” a devastated J Blessing told Showbuzz on Friday. Shantel came into the Kenyan music scene with her popular song ‘Tokelezea’, which did very well in the music charts.



Necessary Noize on a re-union tour

Popular group Necessary Noize is back on the performance trail after a long break. The members, Wyre and Nazizi, took a break over five years ago to concentrate on their solo projects and are now back together performing in different places in what they refer to as “re-union concerts”. A week ago, the two performed at the Sarakasi Dome while on Thursday, they gave a headlining performance at the Industry Nite, held at the Galileo Lounge in Nairobi. Necessary Noize started originally with three members, but Bamzigi left the group in a controversial way after their first album in early 2000s. The duo did very well mid-2000s under Blu Zebra Records, before going their separate ways to concentrate on solo projects.



Blankets and Wines launches new festival

One of the most-celebrated monthly events in Kenya, Blankets and Wine, has launched a new annual festival, the Africa Nouveau. The first edition of the festival will take place next month, September 5 and 6 at the Ngong Racecourse in Nairobi. The two-day festival is designed to showcase the most innovative and trend setting artistes, visual and digital artistes, DJs and fashion designers from all over Africa. Blankets and Wine has been in existent for the past six years, with a total of 56 events. “We just want to keep on innovating and giving our fans something new every year to celebrate,” said Boniface Mwalii, the outfit’s communication manager.

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GIG GUIDE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5: KISUMU'S NEW CLUB WHISTLES, ON BANK STREET, HOSTS THE FIRST COMEDY SHOW. COMEDIANS LIKE JALANG'O, MDOMO BAGGY, OWAGO NYIRO, JAKAKAMEGA, AMONG OTHERS, WILL PERFORM ALL NIGHT.

ONE ON ONE

BUZZ: What genre of music do you sing?

I'm an urban contemporary artiste.

In your second single *Feel It* you talk about changing certain life situations, is about you?

The one thing that is a great constant in life is change. How we tackle situations or how we perceive it really matters. I urge people to be pioneers of positive change. I have grown to be confident in myself but I always challenge myself to be better.

Was this song inspired by your life experiences?

A great part of it was, as well as the people around me. We all want certain things to go in a certain direction but we don't want to break a sweat for it hence we end up not achieving.

What exactly was going on in your life that inspired part of the song?

Cece Sagini is a fairly new entrant in the mainstream music industry. She has however been building towards her moment in the spotlight through her small but vital live performances. JOSEPHINE MOSONGO spoke to the songstress whose destination in music is yet to be defined.

We all want a lavish lifestyle and many young guys would find themselves in circles living or selling a lifestyle they cannot afford. That is what also greatly inspired me to write this song because I saw it around the people I knew.

You do socially conscious music, where do you categorise it, gospel, secular or just conscious music?

I often do not categorise it because I will sing about man's relationship with God and man's relationship with man all in line with motivating and inspiring.

With a voice that rivals many musicians in the industry, why do you think you haven't become a big hit?

(Laughs) Everything has its timing. The break out is coming soon if it hasn't yet started. *Feel It* being my second official release, I feel the welcome into the industry has been great. It is a journey that has just started and I am excited about it.

What is *Cece On a Mission*? When did it start and what are you hoping to achieve?

Cece on A Mission is like a slogan for me that is a constant reminder of where I would love to be and it also serves as motivation and inspiration to myself and others: 'If I'm doing it, we all can. It started on December 31, I was done with changing my resolutions every year so I chose something that will be a constant in my life. The destination is undefined and unlimited.

Why did it take a year for you to release another song?

I was mastering my skill if I could say that. Being an artiste is not as direct as it seems, you need to know your sound, understand your target market and polish up as much as possible.

Do you now understand your target market well and what they want or need to hear from you?

I can say I do understand but it is a learning process. One thing I know for sure is that they need good content and consistency.

Do you have a management team for your music or are you going it alone?

Yes I do have a team that is helping me.

Did you study music in school?

I studied marketing and entrepreneurship in USIU.

How hard or easy was it to take on music as a serious job?

I feel it is all a mental state. Just like any job, music is a business and to maximise its potential you really have to put in a lot of effort and be mentally ready to treat it as a source of revenue stream so for me it was never hard to take it seriously.

Let's talk about fashion, what are your favourite pieces to wear? What colours do you like to play around with?

I love retro leather jackets, scarfs, big brim hats and on a chilled day yoga pants. Earthly colours often pull me but once in a while I'd go for electric secondary colours or pastel colours.

Do you have something else planned after *Feel It*?

Yes I do have more and more music planned out as well as I'm planning a concert; the date is to be soon revealed. This girl is here to stay.

Will you do an album or are you concentrating on singles first?

I'm currently working on an EP which I will then release as singles.

Do you have anyone in mind that you want to work with?

I do have a couple of artistes I would like to collaborate with in Kenya and the whole of Africa. Currently I have my eye on H_Art the Band.

Apart from your friends and family who else has been supporting your musical journey?

Deejays have been really supportive especially Dj Crème de la Crème, Hypnotiq and Xclusive. Shamir and the whole Mseto team have also been looking out for me, which I really appreciate. I can't really pinpoint a specific person but there are artistes who have been really instrumental in giving advice and mentoring me.

Whose music are you keenly following on the Kenyan front and why?

I am currently following Sauti Sol. In their own way they seem to have understood the industry and they are mapping Kenya on international platforms of which we are super proud of.

Is there anything that you dislike about the music industry?

I would like to see more innovation and creativity in terms of creating and pushing content out.

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 2. THE HILLS - THE WEEKND 3. POST TO BE - OMARION FEATURING CHRIS BROWN & JHENE AIKO 4. CLASSIC MAN - JIDENNA FEATURING ROMAN GIANARTHUR 5. EARNED IT (FIFTY SHADES OF GREY) - THE WEEKND

Are Kenyans not proud of their own?

In a series of tweets, singer Victoria Kimani expressed her disappointment over Kenyans' "lack of loyalty and sense of pride" towards their own stars in music and the arts in general.

"The least supportive... Kenyans make it hard for an artist to be an artist, this includes fashion, art, music, acting whatever," she tweeted.

The *Mtoto* and *Prokoto* singer who is a signee of Nigeria's Chocolate City record label continued to chide the unsupportive fans for not valuing Kenyan artistes' efforts. She went on to say: "Then get angry when we are appreciated elsewhere, this is heartbreak. We are the least patriotic people on this continent as it pertains to the arts."

Kimani, who engaged her followers for almost two days on the topic noted that Kenyans only begin to appreciate local entertainers, mentioning Lupita Nyong'o, after they have received fame and recognition from around the world making them celebrity sensations.

"Lupita had to travel and be uplifted by others for you be proud #Kenyans. Life without art is hell... how can the Kenyan youth not have an interest in the arts? Who robbed us of our self-expression?" she asked.

Kimani is the first artiste from Kenya to be signed by Chocolate City, which artistes like Ice Prince and M.I.

Kimani is not the first artiste to complain about the role fans play in showbiz specifically the music industry to ensure that Kenyan music has a heavy presence in the international sphere.

True to Kenyan form, after her rant that saw her trend on Twitter under the hashtags #SupportYourOwn and #SomeoneTellVictoriaKimani, Kenyans on Twitter latched onto the hashtag and weighed in on the issue.

As some members of #KOT supported her sentiments and praised her music, others chose to take shots at her statement coloured weaves and questioned whether she was really Kenyan. Kimani, however, took the trolls head on and responded through retweets. At the same time, she took advantage of the buzz she created and announced the release of her video *Two of Dem* and asked fans to vote for her in the upcoming AFRIMA Awards.

Unwavering support from fans greatly hinges on the popularity of an artiste in a

region or even globally, that is according to Arthur Kamau who is affiliated to MTV. Kamau, who is also an award winning television producer, opines that if an entertainer is celebrated in his home, then it will be easier for other people to appreciate them as well.

In last month's Google's trending personality searches in Kenya, Caitlyn Jenner was the second most searched personality while Julius Yego, "the YouTube man", came in at number six after setting a new African record. Monica Juma was the tenth most searched personality. The late *Ino Ni Momo* singer Murimi Wa Kahalf topped the list and this was after his death.

Other people searched for were footballer Roberto Firmino, *Orange is the New Black* actress Ruby Rose, American civil rights activist Rachel Dolezal and the Al Shabaab terrorist Thomas Evans who was killed in Lamu.

"If your country is talking about

you, that noise will be heard in other places," says Kamau. "Other countries will take note and they will be curious to see what you do or can do. A song like *Sura Yako* made people curious about Sauti Sol which means, if we didn't care, nobody will," says Kamau.

He also notes that artistes should first be celebrated at home and given the accolades they deserve. This will in turn earn them respect beyond the borders not just from their peers but also from fans across the world.

Kamau insists that the industry needs to build on fans' support and make them realise that their voice matters, a lot.

"When other notable artistes come into the country they need to be told whose making waves locally, and that is who they should be working with. Not the other way around. The idea is if a foreign artiste, regardless of how famous he is out there, wants to make it in Kenya,

they should be collaborating with our best, not us running to find them, that is how Nigeria's music grew," he says.

From his experience working with MTV, Kamau is certain Kenya is extremely talented "but the sad part is that many have not yet fully understood the showbiz world". He claims Kenyans are not aware of how powerful and influential they are and it is indeed a worrying situation because "other countries can see the amount of talent coming from Kenya, but we seem to ignore it."

To prove how big a deal Kenya is, adds Kamau, especially in music, the Official MAMA's after party will be held in Nairobi.

"They could have done it elsewhere and they know it. If we just get it and understand, see what these other countries see in us, we could shut down the whole continent. Ten years ago Nameless was a big deal in Tanzania but we didn't understand what was happening. Diamond was smart enough to know that if he made it in the Kenyan market he could make it anywhere else, and look at where he is now," he adds.

To back up her argument, Kimani shared a screenshot of a portion of an unnamed research that shows Kenyans are the least interested in music. The research shows that only 55 per cent of Kenyan youth care for music, a very low number compared to Uganda's 70 per cent, Tanzania's 94 per cent, Nigeria's 72 per cent and Mozambique's 85 per cent.

Howwe, a Uganda entertainment website rates and tracks artistes according to the number of downloads, plays and their online visibility. *Sitya Losi* hit-maker and BET winner Eddy Kenzo is the most popular person in Uganda right now, The Goodlyfe crew, which is made up of Radio and Weasel, come in second. Jose Chameleone, a popular fixture here in Kenya takes third position while Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni also makes the list as an artiste at number 13. Sauti Sol, now

undoubtedly the biggest name in Kenyan music, is confident that Kenyan artistes and the industry as a whole are just as popular compared to any other African country. But despite being among the best, what keeps the industry from blooming further is people who spew hate instead of encouragement.

"There are people who put others down, if you look carefully on the comments section especially on YouTube the negative comments come from Kenyans, our society has a way of crushing dreams. The only people complaining are Kenyans and we are becoming known for hate. When something is good you should crown it, not beat it down," the members say.

The band, which travelled to Uganda for a show after the MAMAs in South Africa, performed for Presidents Uhuru Kenyatta and Barack Obama then flew to Rwanda for another concert, are certain that Kenya ranks among the top talented artistes if not the best.

For them, constantly booking gigs in and out of the country shows they are a popular group not just in Kenya but around the world.

Still, as much as artistes require support from fans through positive feedback, the multi-award winning band point out that the media needs to play a big role in highlighting the arts, giving them just as much publicity as they do to politics and other stories.

"Journalists have the responsibility to make sure they paint a good picture of the arts: In music, theatre, and the entire entertainment industry. The amount of time given to politics is just too much, it's about time the media started glorifying the arts," say Sauti Sol.

Fans and critics agree that although there is always room for more growth, the arts have definitely come of age especially music. While some like Kimani want to see more support from fans for Kenya to continue gaining momentum both globally and in the region, others like Sauti Sol need the media to put more emphasis in highlighting the arts.

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2. PIXELS 3. MINIONS
4. TRAINWRECK 5. SOUTHPAW

Lupita back to her first love

Oscar-winning Hollywood actress Lupita Nyong'o will make her New York stage debut later this year, starring in a play set amid the horrors of the Liberian civil war.

The Public Theater in Manhattan said the production of "Eclipsed" would run from September 29 to November 8.

Nyong'o, 32, will play "The Girl" in what the theater called "a powerful story of survival and resilience" about women finding and testing their own strength in a hostile world.

The award-winning play sees captive wives of a rebel officer band together to form a fragile community, until their lives are upset by the arrival of a new girl.

It is written by Zimbabwean-American actress Danai Gurira, best known for her role on hit television series "The Walking Dead."

Public Theater's artistic director, Oskar Eustis, said it was a "brilliant play, ripped from the headlines, that looks at the terrible conflicts in post-colonial Africa."

Nyong'o was born in Mexico, brought up in Kenya and educated at the Yale School of Drama. She shot to international fame by winning an Oscar in 2014 for her role in "Twelve Years a Slave."

Liberia, Africa's oldest republic and formed by freed American slaves, was devastated by two civil wars which killed around 25,000 people between 1989 and 2003.

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Michael Jordan loses China trademark suit

Beijing court has dismissed a trademark case brought by US basketball superstar Michael Jordan against a company using a similar name and logo to his Nike-produced brand, a report said.

The former Chicago Bull is arguably the most popular international basketball star in China and is known in the country as "Qiaodan", a Chinese version of his name.

He asked Chinese authorities in 2012 to revoke the trademark of Qiaodan Sports Co, accusing the sportswear firm of misleading consumers about its ties to the six-time NBA champion.

As well as the name, Qiaodan's products carry a silhouette of a leaping basketball player resembling the "Jumpman" logo used by US sporting goods giant Nike to promote its Air Jordan brand.

Authorities refused Jordan's request, and a lower court in Beijing did the same. He appealed

to the Beijing Higher People's Court, which has ruled against him, the Chinese news portal Sohu reported.

"Jordan" is not the only possible reference for 'Qiaodan' in the trademark under dispute," it cited a transcript of the verdict as saying.

"In addition, 'Jordan' is a common surname used by Americans," the court added according to the report Monday, and the logo was in the shape of a person with no facial features, so that it was "hard" for consumers to identify it as Jordan.

There was insufficient evidence to prove the trademark referred to the US star, it concluded.

Jordan retired from the sport in 2003. China has long been seen as a counterfeiters' haven and has constantly been criticised by its trade partners over lax protection of intellectual property rights.

It remained on this year's US Priority Watch List of trading partners that fail to protect such rights "despite certain improvements".

Qiaodan Sports Co, based in the eastern province of Fujian, could not be reached for comment Wednesday. **AFP**



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MEN'S FASHION WEEK TRENDS

with **WAMBUI KIBUE**

New York Fashion Week: Men's just concluded after a month of working through the fashion capitals; London, Milan and Paris. This year marked the first time that there has been a stand-alone showcase for men's fashion. Designers stayed away from the rigid confines of formal masculine tailoring and opted for more relaxed silhouettes with inspiration from a variety of different cultures. The idea of men not being fashion forward is a bygone era. Fashion is constantly gaining ground in the men's world. Some of the most wearable trends we can expect to see in the near future include;

Urban camouflage

The SS16 catwalks were awash with the revival of the military trend. Major designers who played out this trend included Valentino, Louis Vuitton and Dior who each created a modern army of models in camouflage

uniforms. Balmain also played on the military trend for their menswear debut, with khaki, sand and olive colours.

Uniform and uniformity

Designers turned up the volume for suit options with a variety of sleek all-white looks to bold and bright suits.

Stripes

Designers turned out stripes that may be a little too cool for the boardroom for the more laid back fashion consumer; Break down this bold trend with nude separates.

80s Throwback

Designers are now flirting with 1980s references bringing the love affair with the 70s that dominated many designers' collections in the past couple of seasons to an end. Lanvin offered exaggerated volume, turned-up sleeves, high-waisted trousers and punk boots while Paul Smith continued his association with bold colour, reviving vivid hues on jackets, trousers and shirts.

Sports Chic Track

Sportswear was elevated to new fashion heights with designers opting for loose-fitting tops, bomber jackets and basketball shorts to emulate the athletic trend. At Louis Vuitton, silk basketball shorts were paired with soft jerseys, Valentino's models wore neutral tracksuits, and at Givenchy silk patterned bomber jackets.

The bomber jacket is set to be the jacket of choice as it's the perfect transitional piece. Designers like Saint Laurent, Hermès, Louis Vuitton and Dior all offered versions. Saint Laurent provided bold patterns and prints with a strong 80s aesthetic, while Hermès went for a softer colour palette and finished the look with a silk necktie and fitted trousers. Valentino, meanwhile, opted for a sport-luxe version.

What trends are you most excited to add to your closet?

Have a great week beautiful people.

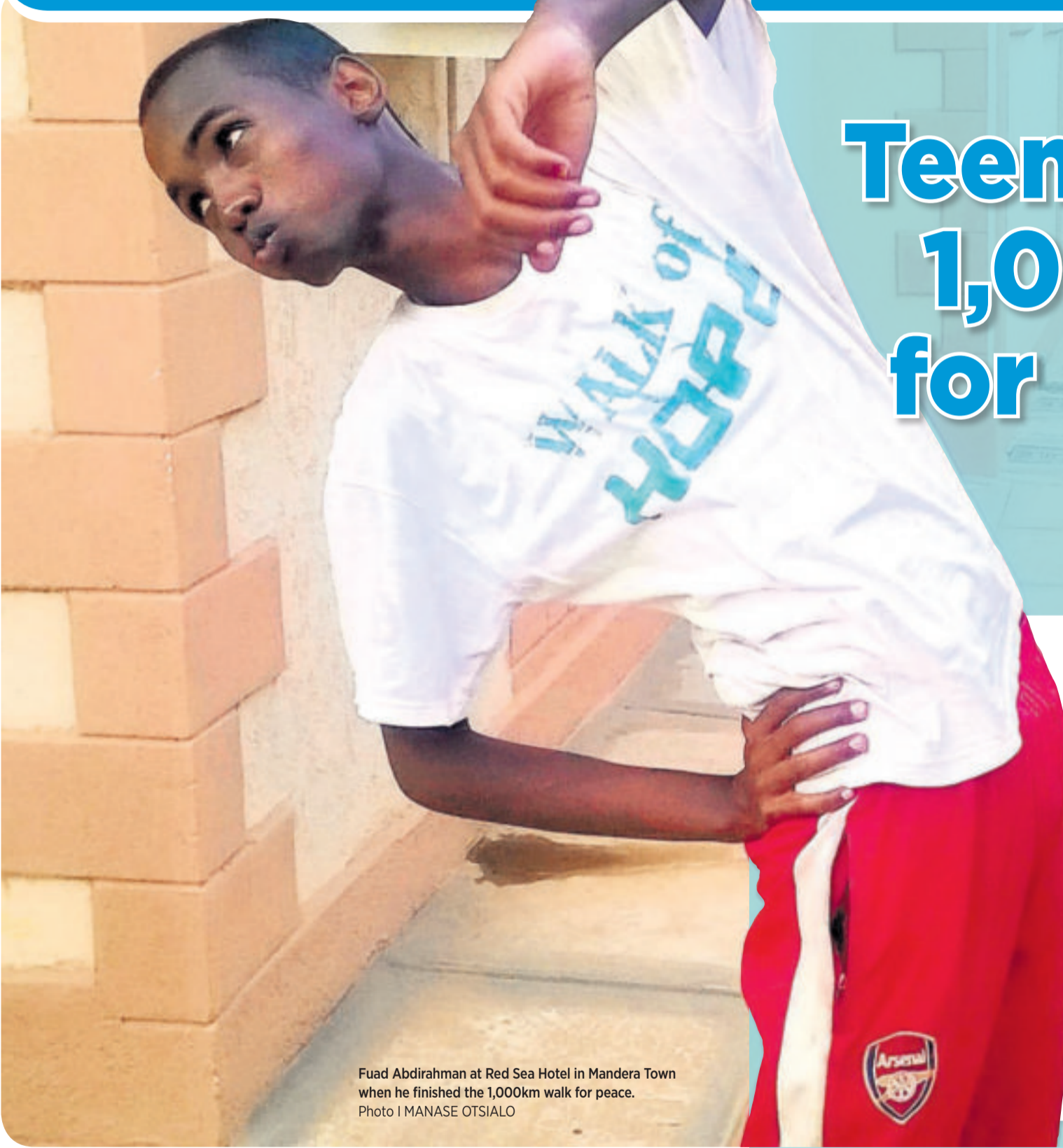
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Teen treks 1,000km for peace

BY MANASE OTSIALO

When a group of 27 activists arrived in Mandera Town on July 18, a young face could easily be picked out from their midst. Youthful Fuad Abdirahman from Garissa County, Ijara sub-county, stood out owing to his screaming red sportswear. The activists, whose main agenda is to change the image of north eastern Kenya, had arrived in the town after taking part in a 1,000km walk, dubbed: 'The Walk of Hope'. The journey had started in Garissa Town and it took the trekkers 36 days of punishing terrain to get to Mandera Town.

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Fuad Abdirahman at Red Sea Hotel in Mandera Town when he finished the 1,000km walk for peace.
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birthday wishes



SHAMMAH WANJAU

Happy first birthday Shammah. We love you and pray that you will live long. Warm wishes from mum and dad.

TASHA BETINA NANGIRA

Happy 12th birthday. May you live to be God-fearing and blow many more candles. Best wishes from dad Charles, mum Tabitha, brothers and all your relatives.



TYLER KEVOGO AND TROY MUKUNDI

Happy sixth birthday boys. Best wishes from daddy Charles, mum Tabitha, sister Tasha, grandparents Phoebe, Rhoda and Osallo and all your uncles, aunts and cousins. May you



live to be God-fearing and to blow many more candles.

ABRAM WAINAINA MAINA

Happy birthday as you turn 11. You have been a great blessing to our family. May you live a long life full of blessings. Best wishes from dad, mum and your sisters Faith and Victoria.



MARY PRECIOUS MAKHANDIAH

Happy birthday Precious. We thank our Almighty for the joy you have brought into our family. Wish you God's blessings. Wishes from dad Martin, mom Resley, sister Sarah jnr, grannies, uncles, aunts and all cousins and friends.

ANGELAH SHANICE WANGARI

Words alone cannot express my deepest love for you my lovely daughter. May you grow to be God-fearing and a woman of no limits. Best wishes from dad Njenga, Jemimah, Rogers, aunts, uncles and all relatives.

Send your birthday messages and photos to Birthday Wishes, Young Nation, P.O. Box 49010, 00100 Nairobi, or email to yn@ke.nationmedia.com

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letters

Talented innovators should exploit their talents

Nothing in life is as constant as change. We meet and make new friends every so often, our role models keep changing, and even schools as we move higher with our education. It's much the same thing with technology. We are upgrading every day. During the time of our great grandfathers smoke was a way of passing information. Then came the radio, telephone, TV and so on. Today it's even faster with creations such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Tumblr, Viber and many others. Today if I saw some strange happening I would 'What's app' all my contacts immediately. There's a fire somewhere, I would share on Facebook and even search the contacts via Google of the relevant authorities to come and put out the fire. This goes to show creativity and innovation is a good thing. And young people should not hold back their talents to innovate new things that can make life easier for generations. Let's be innovators.

Mumbe Kitonga, Aga Khan Academy

Quotes...

1)) Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

2)) Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom.

- Aristotle

3)) You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

- Henry David Thoreau

4)) Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

- Albert Einstein

5)) Look for an occupation that you like, and you will not need to labour for a single day in your life.

- Confucius. Chinese thinker, philosopher and teacher

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Following President Obama's speech, do you think Kenyans youths are more motivated to be entrepreneurs and innovators?

Sammy Kay Sambuli: Yes. They are so much motivated and looking forward to doing business.

will benefit and become entrepreneurs.

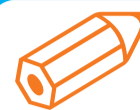
Antony Macharia Kuria: Absolutely.

Salöe Arsenic: Definitely. I am personally inspired and motivated by that great man.

Virgy Thuo: Yes. We are motivated because for us the youth we have to learn to contribute to national development by being innovators.

Jeremiah Musyimi Kimau: I believe that those who listened to President Obama keenly and took him seriously

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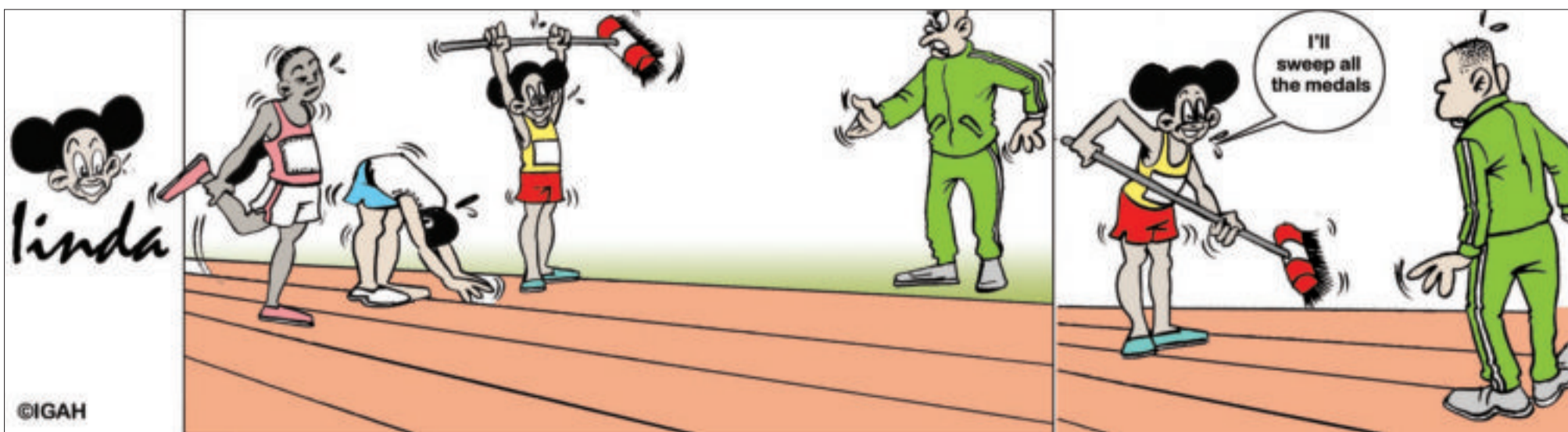
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Teen treks 1,000km for peace in northern Kenya

« FROM THE COVER

Out of the 300 trekkers who started out on the journey, only 27 made it to Mandera — with a beaming Fuad, a first born in a family of six, in the lead.

When asked what motivated him to take part in the walk, Fuad says he has always had an urge to do something extraordinary and positive for his people.

He says his dream is to give hope to the locals and to spread the gospel of peace to the people of north eastern Kenya.

“Since my days at Garissa Boys High School, I have wanted to do something unique. I tried to avoid joining terror groups like many youngsters in this region and other parts of the country have done,” says Fuad.

He says his decision to take part in the 1,000km trek did not go down well with his family back in Ijara as his mother feared for his security.

In safe hands

“This decision was not accepted by my family, especially my mother, because she believed we could be attacked on the way. I had to use relatives and friends to convince her that nothing bad would happen and that I was in safe hands,” he says.

He says his message to the locals is that they should end inter-clan feuds and concentrate on development.

How was it like covering such a



PHOTOS | MANASE OTSIALO
Fuad Abdirahman (in red trousers), the youngest in the walk, when they arrived in Mandera Town. The walk aimed at promoting peaceful co-existence in the region.

long distance? The towering young man confesses that he found the first 40km a challenge after he developed blisters but the paramedics team accompanying the caravan brought him back to form.

“In this part of the country, people rarely put on closed shoes. It was my first time to put on boots

because we had to safeguard ourselves against snake bites as we walked mainly at night. The closed shoes caused blisters on my feet,” he recounts.

He says the journey was full of risks, and recalls stepping on a snake as they entered Wajir.

“Sometimes, people looked at us and thought we were out of our

senses. But most received our message. The herdsmen we encountered on the way directed us to safer routes,” he adds.

Fuad says it is heartbreaking to hear of people fighting over land when the region has abundant land lying idle. “It surprises me that people fight for land yet we would walk for more than 40km without finding a single soul. There is so much idle land,” he says.

He adds that their message to the locals was: “Don’t let politicians divide you along clan or tribal lines”.

Their biggest gain, he says, came when in Rhamu sub-county. The team managed to bring together clans that had been at loggerheads for the past seven years to pray together as they celebrated Idd-ul-Fitr to end the Muslim holy month of Ramadhan.

Change for the better

“It was nice seeing Degodias and Garres come together for the first time in the past seven years of clashes. We prayed together and this gave me hope that things would change for the better,” he remarks.

On terrorism, Fuad calls on the government to beef up security in the region and bring back teachers and health workers who have stayed away for security reasons.

Fuad says that from his findings, it is clear inter-clan clashes in the region have claimed more lives than terrorism.

“United we shall conquer the many challenges and move forward as a country. The government should also provide job opportunities for the youth,” he states.

He concludes: “I’m happy to have made it and I am going to my mother to narrate my experiences.”

As Fuad settles in his hotel room to rest after the 36-day gruelling journey, he prays that the region will enjoy peace again.

PHOTO ALBUM... Music Festival



ANTHONY NJAGII NATION
Pupils of Rose of Sharon Academy in Nairobi County presenting a French Choral Verse during Metropolitan Region Music Festival in Kajado Town recently. The nationals will be held at Aga Khan Primary, Kisumu Boys, Kisumu Girls, and Lions Secondary School from tomorrow.



Pupils of St. Felix School from Aberdare region rehearsing a choral verse in preparation for the Kenya National Music Festival which tomorrow in Kisumu City.



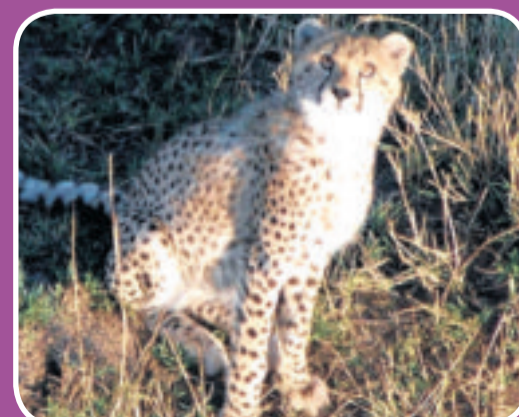
Pupils of Hospital Hill Primary School in Nairobi rehearsing a choral verse ahead of the Kenya National Music Festival to start this week.

Origin of words/ things/ names

CHEETAH

This is the name of a large member of the cat family. It has a yellowish-brown black-spotted body, a small head, slender body and long legs. It is mainly found in Africa and Southwest Asia and is the fastest animal on land. It can achieve speeds of up to 96km (60 miles) per hour.

The name cheetah has its origins in the animal’s Hindi name, ‘cita’. The name ‘cita’ was borrowed from the Sanskrit language name for the tiger and the leopard – ‘citrakaya’. The name is a combination of two words, ‘citra’, which means ‘containing patches of different colours’ and ‘kaya’, body.



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YN Gaming... BATTLEFIELD HARDLINE



Two weeks playing Battlefield Hardline and you experience one of your favourite action series with an excellent story of cops versus robbers. You can do a lot including driving which is smoother than we expected.

But the biggest departure in Battlefield Hardline from the previous one is the addition of non-lethal takedowns. While this can be weapon-based courtesy of attacks from behind, Battlefield Hardline also offers an arrest mechanic. If you can sneak up on enemies, you can flash your badge, and they'll drop their weapons and put their hands up. This provides a limited window of time to handcuff and permanently disable them.

There's some measure of sophistication here. If you attempt to arrest more than one suspect at once, you'll need to cover everyone with your gun while acting, or risk someone getting ideas about resisting, and if another enemy stumbles on your arrest in progress, the jig is up and the firefight is certain to start. There are also special

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RELEASE: MARCH 17, 2015

PLATFORMS: PLAYSTATION 4, XBOX ONE, MICROSOFT WINDOWS, PS3, XBOX 360, GNU/LINUX, MAC OS

PRICE: SH5,500



in turn unlock new gear to use in the campaign.

There are some smaller tweaks: Weapons and equipment are unlocked using in-game cash earned through play, rather than by levelling up other weapons. Levels are also smaller, with more room-to-room combat spaces contained within a bigger environment. This leads to some cooler, more "intimate" moments as walls are torn apart by gunfire. All in all Battlefield Hardline is a fun game and is enjoyable to any fan of action movies.



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targets with arrest warrants out that will provide additional "expert points," which

Riddles

1. When you do know me about me, then I am definitely something. You will always search for me. But when you know me, I am nothing. Who am I?

Answer: I'm a Riddle!

2. I have all the knowledge you have. But I am small as your fist that your hands can hold me. Who am I?

Answer: I'm your brain!

3. I am the biggest alphabet, as I contain the most water in the world. Who am I?

Answer: Alphabet 'C'

4. I have 28 days in a month. Which month I am?

Answer: All months in a year have 28 days and many have more than 28 days.

5. Find me who am I. I am the building with number stories.

Answer: A Library

6. What is the word that is spelled incorrectly in all dictionaries?

Answer: Incorrectly

7. Everyone in the world break me when they speak every time. Who am I?

Answer: Silence

8. A boy and an engineer were fishing. The boy is the son of the engineer but engineer is the father of the boy. Then who

is the engineer?

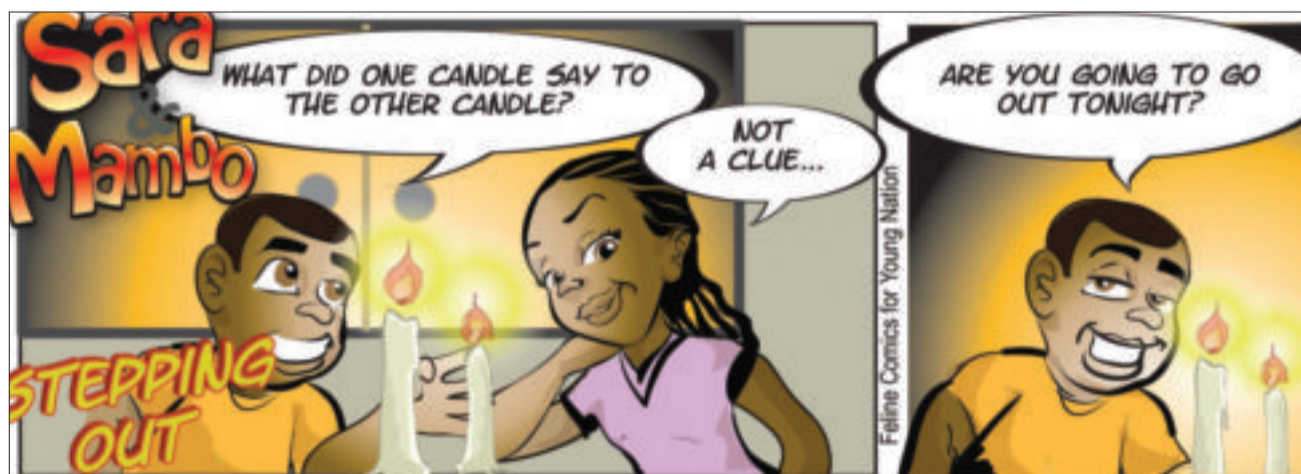
Answer: Engineer is the boy's mother.

9. Everyone in the world needs it. They generously give it. But never take it. Then what is it?

Answer: Advice

10. Four children and their pet dog were walking under a small umbrella. But none of them became wet. How?

Answer: It was not raining!



easy sudoku

The rules of Sudoku are quite simple. You are presented with a 6x6 grid of boxes, some empty, some filled with numbers in the range of 1 to 6. That gives you 2 rows, 3 columns and also 2 larger squares of 2x3 boxes.

The idea of Sudoku is to completely fill the empty grid squares with numbers in such a way that the following conditions hold true:

- 1) Every row should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that row.
- 2) Every column should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that column.
- 3) Every 2x3 square should contain the numbers 1 to 6 but should not repeat the numbers 1 to 6 at any point within that square.

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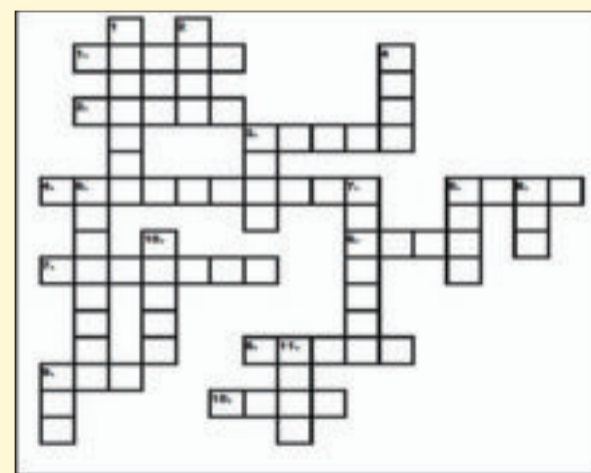
did you know?

STINK BUGS ARE ALSO CALLED SHIELD BUGS

Stink bugs are flying insects with distinctive shield-shaped bodies. Stink bugs get their name from the strong-smelling fluid that they secrete from glands on the sides of the thorax when they're threatened. The odour is meant to make the stink bug unpalatable to its predators, but many birds and other insects still prey on them. There are over 200 species of stink bugs which are both herbivorous and predatory. Herbivorous species have sharp mouth parts that they use to pierce plant tissues and fruits. Predatory species feed on caterpillars, aphids, beetle larvae and other insects that damage plants, and are therefore beneficial to farmers. Female stink bugs lay eggs in clumps on leaves.



crossword



Across:

1. The simile, 'as weak as _____'.
2. 'To take the 40 _____'. The idiom that means to sleep.
3. Table is to wood as window is to _____?
4. A person who makes watches
5. A life _____ is a device that helps someone to stay afloat, so as not to drown in water
6. The proverb, 'a _____ and one's money are soon parted.'
7. Freedom
8. How many cities are there in Kenya?
9. The objective case of the word 'she'
10. The proverb, 'a _____ is as good as a mile'

Down:

1. Lawyer is to client as doctor is to _____?
2. Two words that go together: _____ and call while body and soul.
3. 'To act the _____'. The idiom that means to behave foolishly.
4. Billy goat is to nanny goat as lad is to _____?
5. The simile, 'as _____ as a coot.'
6. A group of people enjoying a concert
7. A person who oversees a sport
8. The phrasal verb that means to retrench someone, 'lay _____'.
9. The objective case of the word 'he'
10. Two words that go together: Ways and _____, and, here and there.
11. A group of sparrows

ANSWERS ON PAGE 6



Charity...

How we pulled off a charity golf tournament

BY CINDY MAKAU

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One of the advantages of being an International Baccalaureate student at Aga Khan Academy, Nairobi, is having the opportunity to reach beyond the walls of our school and create an impact in the neighbouring community.

One of the ways in which our school makes this possible is by offering a rigorous one year leadership programme that equips us with the necessary skills and a mind-set to be the future movers and shakers of not only our country but the world.

In line with this, I was part of the team that successfully organised a golf tournament to raise funds towards the support of First Lady Margaret Kenyatta's 'Beyond Zero' campaign. We thought this was an area we could contribute in and that's why we organised the tournament.

So how did we do it? After months of planning, pitches to numerous target investors and immense team-work, on February 2015 Zainab Ahmed, Laila Daya, Irfaan Jafar, Samuel Ndonga, Sydelle Diniz and I coordinated our Beyond Zero Charity Golf Tournament.

With support from our generous sponsors:



The team when they presented their cheque of Sh720,000 to First Lady Margaret Kenyatta at State House in Nairobi for her 'Beyond Zero' campaign.

Simba Corp, Safaricom, Crown Paints, Acropolis, plus family and friends, we were able to hire the luscious green Windsor golf course for the day as the venue of our event and raise capital for the initiative. It was an eventful afternoon followed by a delicious complimentary dinner for our sponsors and participants.

After a beautiful day which regardless, still had its fair share of drama, we successfully raised Sh720,000. All the funds were then

donated to the First Lady's, "Beyond Zero," initiative. It was an enriching experience for my team and I. This may have been our first but definitely not the last of our projects.

The Beyond Zero initiative by the First Lady aims to reduce maternal and child mortality across the country. It is part of the initiatives outlined in her strategic framework towards HIV control, promotion of maternal, new born and child health in Kenya.



The team holding a cheque donated by Safaricom for their golf tournament.



During the golf tournament at Windsor Golf Course early in the year.

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Across:

1. Water 2. Winks 3. Glass
4. Watchmaker 5. Buoy
6. Fool 7. Liberty 8. Three
9. Her 10. Miss

Down:

1. Patient 2. Beck 3. Goat
4. Lass 5. Bald 6. Audience
7. Referee 8. Off 9. Him 10.
Means 11. Host

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SOLUTION

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For instance, he asked the elephant, "Why do you have such a long nose?" And to the ostrich he said, "Why do your tail feathers grow like that?" As time went on he grew more and more curious and one day he asked his mother what crocodiles ate for dinner.

"Shhhh, be quiet," said mother giraffe with fear. "If the crocodile hears you asking that, he may turn you into food," she continued.

But this got him even more curious. The young giraffe did not heed his mother's advice. He continued asking the same question to everyone he met. Soon, he came across the Kiwi (a bird) and she told him where he could find an answer.

"You will find your answer in the great river," Kiwi said.

Right away, the young giraffe started his journey to the river. After a long and tiring trip, he finally got to the river. As he was walking along the edge of the river he suddenly stepped on something that looked like a log of wood. To his surprise, however, the log slowly started to move and the giraffe stepped away quickly. When he turned to look the 'log' had its mouth wide open revealing sharp scary teeth under the sun.

The giraffe watched the strange creature and then asked him innocently, "Have you ever seen a crocodile? I have been searching for one for a very long time."

"I must be the one you have been looking for," said the crocodile. On hearing this, the giraffe jumped with excitement! "Then can you tell me,



what do you eat for dinner?" he asked the crocodile excitedly.

The crocodile made a quick move in the mud-filled water and said, "I will surely tell you, but only if you come closer." The young giraffe immediately brought his ears closer to the crocodile so that he could at last hear the answer.

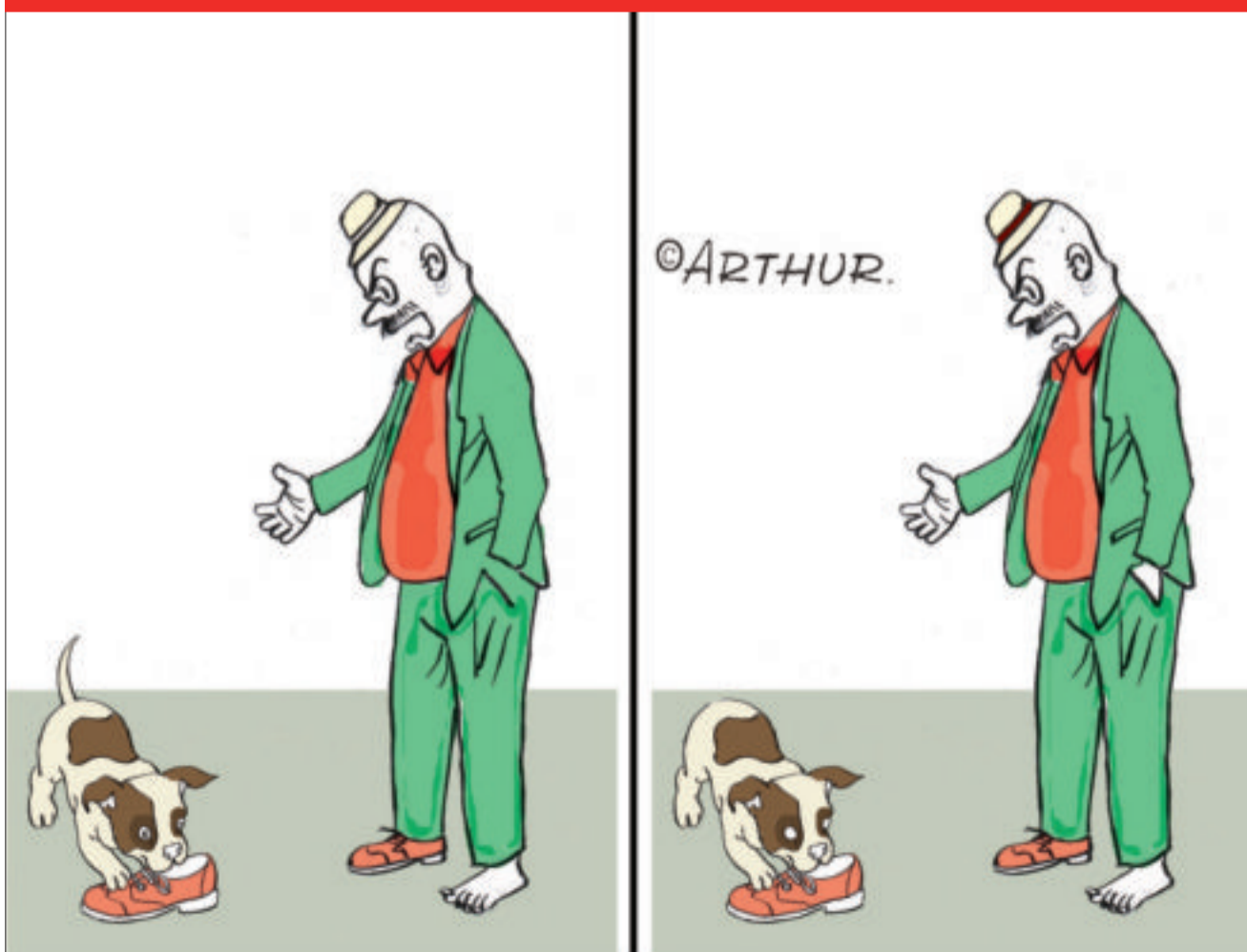
At once the crocodile leapt out of the water and caught the head of the giraffe between his jaws in a strong grip. The giraffe was frightened! He tried pulling himself from the grip of the

crocodile, each time with more force than before. As he did this, the young giraffe's neck began to stretch and stretch.

Finally the crocodile gave up, exhausted, and swiftly went into the water while the young giraffe fell back with a mighty thud. He instantly noticed that his neck was longer than before. In panic, the giraffe waited for his neck to shrink by wrapping it up in banana leaves but it never did. Since that day, giraffes have long necks.

- RUTH NDUTA

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